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Stars of the past go back in time



The Australian squad which revived history at Olympic Park (see page 10). Standing, from left: Mr. Joseph Docherty (manager), Mr. Gary McDowell (resident physician), Mr. James Armstrong, Mr. James Tansey, Mr. Sandy Irvine, Mr. James Rooney, Mr. Jack Reilly, Mr. William Vojtek, Mr. Peter Oller-

ton, Mr. Robert Russell, Mr. George Orrick (stretcher bearer), Mr. Vincent Bannon, Mr. Joseph Keenan, Mr. Steven Marley (stretcher bearer). Reclining: Mr. Hamilton McMeekan (left), Mr. Yahar Behich. Picture by MR. LESLIE SHORROCK.

FOREST AND UDINESE ON TOURS LIST

The selection of top club teams to tour Australia in June will be completed by Australian Soccer Federation commercial director Peter Sheean in London this week.

The ASF World Cup Committee, under chairman Peter McCann, settled the guidelines at its meeting in Sydney at the weekend.

Among the overseas clubs involved in final negotiations are Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Arsenal (England), Glasgow Rangers (Scotland), Inter Milan and Udinese (Italy), Real Madrid (Spain) and Aris Salonica (Greece).

"One aspect is to find out which clubs will provide us with at least one return game in Europe later in the year," Sheean said.

"Also, we are determined to get tours within Australia completely on the rails for the future by opening up discussions on 1985 tours as well."

"There is no chance that these visits will take place on an ad hoc basis as has often been the case in the past."

The ASF and NSL have come to an agreement under which the NSL will stage only National Cup and deferred matches during June.

For its part the ASF has undertaken to leave the local scene to the NSL for the balance of the season.

McCann said a number of younger players with high prospects can be expected to play in the Australian elevens and State teams that are to meet the tourists.

"The best of the players who competed for Australia in the World Youth Cup in 1981 and 1983 must come into calculations," he continued.

"We could have brought some in for the Merit Cup in Singapore, but in our judgement it would have been unfair to develop a team at the expense of the Singapore Football Association."

"We were the cup holders, we had asked Singapore to assist us in delaying the tournament and we had to face potentially dangerous opponents in China, South Korea and Thailand."

National coach Les Scheinfug was eagerly awaiting the announcement of the June touring teams as the future World Cup players will gain experience against them.

He said: "The away tour at the end of the year is likely to be for a month."

"Ideally I would prefer six weeks, but I know that the availability of quality matches and tour costing must be considered."

"I am satisfied that the majority of our best players are already in the squad."

"Actually I might not need many more than three replacements, especially if my players hold their form."

Dobson dispute

Who's coach of 'Roos?

Melbourne Croatia and Preston Makedonia may be locked in a tug of war over the signature of talented stopper Ian Dobson, from Victorian State League club Croydon City.

Croatia is believed to be angry over rumors that Croydon and Makedonia may have agreed terms on a transfer price for Dobson, who signed a contract with Croatia late last year before flying home to holiday in England over the Christmas and New Year period.

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Doubt over Bertogna, Wilson at \$10,000

By ALEX VESIC

Rumor has it that star defender Arno Bertogna may decide to stay in Perth, rather than return to APIA.

Bertogna's parents live in Perth, and he played there before coming east to play first for Newcastle, then for Wollongong and, last season, for APIA.

Farrugia's now an international



Melita Eagles star Ray Farrugia (pictured) is dying to get into NSL action after having represented Melita in its recent matches against Spain (1-1) and Holland (0-5).

Melita fans haven't had the chance to watch their favorite son in recent matches, because he is nursing an injury.

It shouldn't be long, however...

Lack of speed in defence seems to be Melita's biggest problem, although Mike Fogarty played quite well as centre back in the side's recent 2-5 loss to St. George Budapest.

OK, it was a bad defeat — especially since Melita led 2-0 early — but what can you do against Don Marton and the well-oiled St. George machine?

Paul Daley, Melita's pride and joy and a member of Australia's youth national team last year, was sold to Penrith City along with Micky Cross. And while Cross should not be regarded as a great loss, Daley is at the start of a promising career.

More than two dozen more players are listed for sale by Melita, including Richie Williams (\$9,000), Len Vial (\$5,500), Alex Jamieson (\$7,000), Steve Luuord (\$4,000), Hector Martinez (\$4,500), Gary Ankrett (\$4,500), Anton Budini (\$2,500), Les Chaloner (\$1,500), Vernon Darvill (\$1,000) and W. Campbell (\$5,500).

Some \$40,000 would be collected in transfer fees, should all of the above be sold.

Raul Blanco, the coach of Melita, will still have one of the largest squads on hand and should retain much of the same team. It could be:

Alex McPherson — Williams, McGinn, Fogarty, McAusland — Jamison, D. Allan, Farrugia, Griffith, McKie, Farnsworth.

And while this side looks ok it is difficult to see Melita doing great things in the NSL. There is still the question of Don Allan and his decision last year to retire from soccer. Has he changed his mind?

With Raul Blanco insisting that Allan would be better suited to midfield duties, the club is keen to talk to Canterbury's Nick Theodorakopoulos, last year's top scorer in the State League.

Defence looks an even bigger problem as Bob McPherson and Greg McCoy did not return from a holiday and look like being away for most of the season.

— ALEX VESIC

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By ANDREW DETTRE

Will St. George provide the next Socceroo goalkeeper?

Why Greedy quit: 'My kids were growing up without me'

Only a few weeks ago, St. George Budapest and Australian national team goalie Terry Greedy announced his retirement; quietly, undramatically, very typically of this serious, young man.

His decision raised many an eyebrow. How can anyone quit at the peak, at 28, a truly tender age for goalies?

How can anyone throw away the No. 1 shirt of the current champion team, St. George and also of Australia? The opportunity of playing, in 1986, in the World Cup finals? Fame, travel, glory, money?

The more cynical among us reacted swiftly by saying: That's how much soccer means to local players: no more than a passing hobby, like stamp collecting, possibly bird watching. Something you'd grow out of as you mature.

But Greedy's decision was not made in a fit of pique: his very early retirement shows, in capsule form, some of the deep-seated problems of Australian soccer. It proves once again, if there is a need to prove it, that we still are one of the very few true-blue amateur countries left in this commercialised world.

"Put yourself in my shoes," Greedy explains.

"I live at Minto and teach at Milperra Primary School. My daily routine, four nights a week, was this: Leaving the house at 8am, finishing at the school at 5pm, rushing to Rockdale for training, then home by 9pm, dead tired, falling into bed."

"I hardly ever saw my wife Rosemary or my two kids, aged 2½ and one, except perhaps on Saturdays. Week after month after year, virtually leaving my wife to bring up the kids.

Clubs interested in him should contact Polonia.

Marshall, a former Victorian junior representative, has spent three seasons with Polonia. He also has played for Richmond and Moreland.

About 6ft 5ins tall and built like a tank, Marshall is one of the most feared strikers in Australian soccer. Once he's in stride, on his way to goal, there's no stopping him. He has a lot of ball skill as well.

Former Newcastle KB and West Adelaide Hellas coach Alan Vest was among a number of coaches under consideration by Brisbane Lions as the club attempted to recover from a shock telegram from Simon Kistemaker, saying he would not be returning to Australia.

Lions advertised nationally for a replacement for Kistemaker, who contacted the club through a telegram which simply said, "I will not come back. Letter follows."

With the start of the season only a month away, Lions were desperate last week to find a new coach to prevent yet another disastrous start.

Club officials hope to name a replacement at their board meeting tonight (Feb 1).

The club spoke to Vest, who now is in Perth, late last week.

Kuringai (NSW) coach Harry Noss also has been recommended to the club along with Polish refugee, Jerzy Wrzos, who narrowly missed out on the Sydney

"Then, during the England series, the kids were sick and I was away for two weeks. That's when it first occurred to me that it's not quite fair to Rosemary or the kids, that perhaps I should call it quits."

But he didn't. Terry Greedy finished the series against England, giving some breathtaking performances, then played a key role winning the NSL title for the Saints and finally helped Australia win the Merlion Tournament in Singapore. Nobody can ever say he didn't leave on the highest possible note.

"The truth is I never liked training," he admits. "Not the running part, anyway, and all the exercises. I always found it boring and had to force myself to do it. I certainly won't be missing all that chore. In fact, I hope I won't be missing playing at all."

"When I came down from Lismore to Sydney, six years ago, I asked for a posting here to see how far I could go in soccer. Naturally, I was dreaming of playing for a top club and for Australia one day. I achieved both in 1983. Frankly, that's enough for me."

"Now I have asked to be transferred back to Lismore or the North Coast. It may take

Gary Meier

Bobby Parks

Mike Fraser

weeks, even months before I get it, depending on when there is a vacancy in a school."

Unlike many "retired" stars, Terry Greedy won't be playing with a lowly amateur team just for fun. His gloves have been firmly tucked into the closet.

"If I can't continue for St. George, I certainly won't be playing for any other team. I could just turn out for matches, without training — but that's not me, really. It's a nice feeling to quit while you're ahead."

Although few of our soccer players could make a comfortable living from the game alone, their sideline earnings

are still often talked about — and envied.

"I never played for the money," Terry says. "Sure, it was helpful but for me secondary. At Bankstown I earned only a pittance and in my first season with the Saints I was a reserve to Mike Fraser. So you could say I only had one truly great year. Not much, perhaps, but enough for me; I retire a happy man with my ambitions fulfilled."

He is reluctant to make a firm forecast about his successor in the national team.

"I have always been very impressed with three: Gary Miller, Steve Watson and last season with Bobby Parks. I'd say the No. 1 will come from that group.

"I don't think you can forget about Mike Fraser, either. Now that he has fully regained his confidence after his 1981 eye injury, he could fulfil all his early promise and shoot to the top again."

"It would be nice if Mike replaced me not only in the Saints goal but also in the gold and green . . ."

best players in the competition last year.

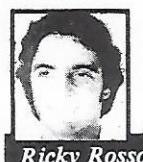
Another welcome face back at the club is young midfielder ex-sweeper Paul Burns who looks outstandingly bright when he burst into the Lions team two years ago but was forced to miss last season after major knee surgery.

If his early training is any indication, Burns shouldn't take long to get back to his best.

Lions also have young Acacia Ridge goalkeeper Rob Farrow on a one-month loan. Farrow was selected as a reserve keeper in the Queensland team for the match against New South Wales last year but broke his wrist during training.

He believes he has fully recovered from the injury and will be tested in pre-season matches.

Leszczynski signed—and now for a coach



Ricky Rosso

Queensland hopefuls, including one former top State League coach.

Although Kistemaker signed a contract in October before he returned for his "holiday" in Holland, it is unlikely Lions will take any legal action against him.

But bitter club officials are still keen to talk to him.

Club secretary Lawrence Ondudnyk attempted to telephone Kistemaker in Holland on receiving the telegram but was told the Dutchman was in Belgium and uncontrollable.

Kistemaker was approached by Belgian Second Division club Turnhout last June but had ed Lions officials to believe he had turned down the offer.

Although the Lions' coaching position was still up in the air, the club intended to go ahead with a three-day camp

against Brisbane City on March 4.

Brisbane Lions have snapped up a talented young striker from virtually under the noses of Melbourne's NSL clubs.

He is Tasmanian State League player Andrew Leszczynski, who in the opinion of club officials, is Lions' "big" signing this year.

The 19-year-old striker from Hobart club White Eagles, impressed Kistemaker — and everyone else — when he played in the Australian schoolboy championships at Spencer Park last season.

Leszczynski finished the tournament as Player of the Series.

The tall, strong youngster, who scored nine goals in 15 games with the Eagles last season, will be used as a striking partner for Lions' skilful young Socceroo, Danny Wright.

Apart from Leszczynski, Lions surprisingly so far have made no other signings to strengthen their young team which finished bottom of the table last year.

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Scotland or Austria: 'Roos thrown to wolves

By ANDREW DETTRE

Let's be daring and make a long-range forecast: Australia could play either Austria or Scotland for a final place in the 1986 World Cup.

Provided, of course, that we win our "little" Oceania-Asia-Middle East (?) subgroup.

FIFA, in its infinite wisdom, has placed Australia in a qualifying group which includes two political outcasts, Israel and Taiwan plus, of course, New Zealand.

Once again, marathon travel will be involved for the Aussies — as always since 1965.

Meanwhile, in Subgroup 1 of Zone A in Asia, for example, Saudi Arabia, Oman and the United Arab Emirates form a cozy trio and can travel to their away matches on a crippled camel, if they wish.

But as if all that weren't enough, the Oceania winner will have to playoff against European team for a place in Mexico.

These are the European groups:

1: Poland, Belgium, Greece, Albania.
2: France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Portugal, Malta.
3: England, Northern Ireland, Romania, Turkey, Finland.
4: France, Yugoslavia, E. Germany, Bulgaria, Luxembourg.
5: Austria, Hungary, Holland, Cyprus.
6: USSR, Denmark, Eire, Switzerland, Norway.
7: Spain, Scotland, Wales, Iceland.

Now for the twist.

The winners of all groups qualify for the finals — together with the runners-up from those groups which have five teams: 2, 3 and 6.

The runners up of the other groups — 1 and 7 — will have to play off.

This winner will also make Mexico — and the runner-up will play off for a place against the Oceania winner.

Let's forget now groups 2, 3 and 6 as these have no bearing on Australia's prospects. What about the others?

On today's forms you could expect Poland, Holland and Spain to win the groups and go to Mexico.

The most likely runners-up from their groups are Belgium, Austria and Scotland.

If I had to pick a winner, I'd go for the powerful, physical Belgian — thus also earning a place under the Mexican sun.

And that would leave either Scotland or Austria to meet the Oceania winner — hopefully Australia — playing on a home and away basis.

However, to be on the safe side, the ASF and especially the national coach should begin to monitor all the performances of Poland, Belgium, Austria, Hungary, Holland, Spain, Scotland and Wales as a team to meet the Oceania winner is absolutely certain to come from that lot.

Would we have a chance? Yes, even if a slim one.

A well prepared Australia could go very close against Scotland, Hungary, Spain and Wales — much closer than against Holland, Belgium, Austria and Poland.

Meanwhile, it's interesting to take a quick look at some other oddities in the World Cup draw.

Australia has four zones and a total of eight subgroups — and will provide two finalists.

FIFA MEMBERSHIP

Africa 42 countries, Asia 37 countries, Europe 31 countries, CONCACAF 23 countries, CONMEBOL 10 countries, Oceania 5 countries

1982 WORLD CUP

	Entries	Eligible	% eligible to qualify	% eligible to qualify
Europe	33	13	39	39
South America	10	3	30	30
CONCACAF	15	2	13	13
Asia	19	2	10	10
Africa	29	2	6	6
Oceania	3	0	0	0

NUMBER OF QUALIFYING MATCHES FOR 1982 WORLD CUP

4 — Poland, Brazil, Peru, Chile
5 — Honduras, El Salvador, 8 — West Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, USSR, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, England, Yugoslavia, Italy, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Algeria, Cameroon
9 — Kuwait
15 — New Zealand
New Zealand thus had to play at least six more qualifying games than any other country. It did not qualify directly from Oceania, but rather after playing off against Asian opposition.

Other World Cup qualifying groups

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA (CONCACAF)

GROUP ONE: El Salvador v. Puerto Rico, Canada v. Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles v. U.S.A.

GROUP TWO: Barbados v. Costa Rica, Panama v. Honduras, Guatemala, b.v.

GROUP THREE: Trinidad and Tobago v. Grenada, Antigua v. Haiti, Suriname v. Guyana

Only one team qualifies.

ASIA

ZONE A — Group One

SUB-GROUP ONE: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman

SUB-GROUP TWO: Iraq, Lebanon, Qatar, Jordan

SUB-GROUP ONE: Kuwait (Group Two) Yemen Arab Republic, Syria

SUB-GROUP TWO: Bahrain, Iran, Yemen Democratic Republic

ZONE B

GROUP 3

SUB-GROUP ONE: Malaysia, Nepal, South Korea

SUB-GROUP TWO: Thailand, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia

GROUP 4

SUB-GROUP ONE: China, Hong Kong, Macao, Brunei

SUB-GROUP TWO: Japan, Singapore, North Korea

OCEANIA

Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Israel

AFRICA

Algeria, Cameroon and Ghana, b.v. qualify for second round

First Round

ZONE A: Egypt v. Zimbabwe, Kenya v. Ethiopia, Mauritania v. Malawi, Zambia v. Uganda, Madagascar v. Lesotho, Tanzania v. Sudan.

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Christmas came exactly one month late for Queensland Soccer Federation president and ASF senior vice-president Ian Brusasco, who last month won \$50,000 in the Queensland casket.

Brusasco, 55, was given the winning ticket as a Christmas present from his mother-in-law, Mrs Eileen Wilson, 75.

And on January 24 the thought paid dividends when the ticket took second prize in a half million casket.

Brusasco was unable to celebrate the windfall with his wife, Patsy and their three children on the night of the win as it clashed with a soccer meeting at Perry Park.

After the meeting, at which Brusasco had further success in that he gained partial acceptance for his controversial restructuring proposals, he shouted the bar.

The win capped an amazing run of good fortune for Brusasco.

He had won a \$1000 trifecta on each of the previous two Saturdays and even collected \$5 in his first attempt at instant lottery on a business trip to Melbourne two weeks earlier.

— RICKY ROSSO



John Dowie, 28, recruited by Juventus from Doveton for \$7000. Dowie started with Fulham in England, played 15 senior games for Glasgow Celtic from 1977 to 1978 and then had stints with Doncaster Rovers in England and Clyde in Scotland before coming to Australia to join Doveton.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Juventus has been recruiting like a country at war, but can coach John Margaritis mould the men he has into a workable team?

No club in Australia is better equipped to play the old WM formation. Look at the forwards — Rob Cullen, Andrew Zinni, Gary Ward, Joe Sweeney, Fabio Incantalo.

There's also Kevin Lloyd — but at a pinch, he could play in midfield.

However, the only established midfielder available at the moment, is John Dowie, Juventus' \$7000 buy from Doveton.

Billy Rogers is out of action due to a back injury. Ged Bannon has transferred to Fawkner, and Kevin Swinscoe also is expected to leave the club.

Richard Miranda, bought for Box Hill last season, but for Box Hill this season, but with Paul Drimani sidelined with a broken leg. Miranda probably will play as stopper, a position often filled at Preston-Makedonia.

So how will Margaritis overcome his midfield problem?

Obviously, he'll have to turn a couple of forwards into midfielders — most notably Incantalo.

The full back positions are sound. Vince Bannon on the right has had NSL experience with South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg-Alexander; he's played for the Australian under-20 team, represented Victoria and won two Victorian Medals. Harry Hird at left back was recruited from Altona City and was voted Juventus' best player in 1983.

Pat Bannon is the sweeper, as well as assistant coach. He was among the stars of Juventus' 3-0 victory over Footscray J.U.S.T. in a practice match last Sunday week.

Sean Keogh, bought from Doveton, is expected to be the No. 1 goalkeeper.

If Rogers recovers from injury, the Juventus team could be:

Keogh — V. Bannon, P. Bannon, Miranda, Hird — Dowie, Rogers, Incantalo — Zinni, Sweeney, Ward.

Bruce, Mullen go

It all sounds like a TV ad of an airline to Hawaii: only \$85 for two, no hidden extras...

Except that the \$85 buys a season ticket for a couple to all Sydney City Kookabah matches.

The campaign is promoted by the club's co-chairman Sam Fiszman, still convalescing after a heart bypass operation — but soon back to his daily four-mile running routine.

Several approaches have been made for the services of Ken Boden, Gerardo Gomez and others — but all are likely to stay put.

Veteran fullback Kevin Mullen has been released, on a free transfer.

Eddie Thomson has re-signed as coach, three titles and a second place in four seasons provide the likeable Scot with unparalleled credentials.

Sydney Kookabah, of course, will stay at its Athletic Field headquarters — but this time,

CANBERRA CASHES IN AND GOES FOR YOUTH

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Gary Byrne to Blacktown City for \$12,500 ... Don McLaren to Sunshine-George Cross for \$8,500 ... George Christopoulos on loan to AFK Athens until the end of this year ... Terry Byrne sidelined until 1985 ...

These are the main stories which have emerged from Canberra's Arrows in recent weeks. Canberra coach Doug Collins wants to sign Scottish midfielder Tommy Sermanni from Marconi but Marconi has placed \$20,000 on Sermanni's head. The Scot is appealing against the fee to the ASF. His case is likely to be heard later this month.

Youth power will form the basis of the Arrows' assault on the championship of the NSL's northern region. That exciting young striker Frank Farina, who played on loan with Campbelltown from Maccabi in Queensland last season, is expected to join the Arrows. Institute of Sport youngsters John Mihailidis, Roy Jones, Tony Franken and Ray Junna have been signed and Canberra has high hopes for young goalkeeper George Economopoulos. This promising custodian, along with Steve Hoszowski and Tony Franken gives Canberra great depth in this department.

Canberra has transferred listed strkers Tony Brennan and Ian Gibson. Brennan is listed at \$20,000 and Canberra hopes to get at least \$12,000 from the sale of Gibson.

Andrew Young, Jim Murray and Steve Bryant will stay and Paul Ontong, for so long troubled by a knee injury, is fit and will be an important member of the first team squad this season.

Terry Byrne though, is less



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St. George intends to be totally self-supporting in 1984, not getting — and not even seeking — a red cent from its struggling social club.

"We will get down to an annual budget of about \$260,000," says manager-coach Frank Arok. "Three years ago, when the club was relegated, the budget was \$400,000."

"Two years ago our players cost us some \$230,000 a year; this year we will have to make do with \$120,000. And this means cuts in wages, contracts and fees."

The Saints, like almost all other clubs, are no longer prepared to throw money around by way of gifts for the dubious or certainly ignorable of finishing high up.

At the same time, Arok is working hard — in his case this means 12 hours a day — on increasing his revenue potentials.

There is a good chance that Sydney Olympic will play all or most of their home matches at St. George Stadium and it's also possible that the NSL "Match of the Day" will be staged there every week, for TV purposes.

"If this comes about, we are prepared to boost the flood-lighting capacity of the stadium and build permanent 'cages' for TV cameras around the ground," he says.

Under these economic belt-tightening conditions, it must please Arok that all the 1983 players have re-signed — with two exceptions.

National team goalie Terry Greedy, 27, has retired and may move back to Lismore, giving family reasons for his puzzling decision. Paul Wilkinson returned to England, bending to the wishes of a very homesick wife.

The rest of the crew remains intact, including Mark Barton and Peter Stoen who, at one stage, were reluctant to accept reduced terms. Also back in the fold are the

veteran Dey Marton — age unknown — estimate 35 — and the youthful Robbie Slater.

Marton spent two months in Yugoslavia with his family, resting — and playing around soccer.

Slater is a special case. Late 1983 Arok arranged for him to try out with Nottingham Forest.

The English club liked his skills and speed and used him in the reserve team where he grabbed 14 goals. However,

when the Saints asked for a very reasonable transfer fee — or at least a modest leasing fee — Nottingham balked and young Robbie last week returned to Sydney.

However, Slater will return to Forest at the end of this season. He became the only non-Briton to be offered a professional contract with the English giant during his stint there.

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ASF 'summersault', ethnic names OK

In retrospect, we may all relax and wonder what all the fuss was about.

For years the ASF stuck to its guns about "foreign named" clubs not being admitted to the National League — with one or two notable exceptions, of course.

These, we were told, disgust and discourage decent type-B Aussies and keep them away from matches.

What has kept people from flocking to watch the Auburns, Sutherlands, Manly and others has never been explained.

But now, miraculously, foreign names are OK once again: we can have a Croatia, Juventus, Melita, whatever you like.

In Croatia's case this is especially curious: time and time again we used to hear from ASF moguls that "they'll never be admitted under that name as long as I'm here." So maybe they are not there any longer.

Needless to say, we applaud this probably temporary return to sanity: a hundred and one different things may keep people from watching NSL games — but certainly not club names.

If that had been the case, then Sydney City (nee Hakoah) Leichhardt and some others would have had their grounds bursting at the seams.

This newspaper as such and myself as an individual have campaigned long enough against the xenophobic bias which for years — indeed, decades — tried to convince the public that, for example, APIA is a "foreign name" while Leichhardt is simply adored by the populace.

Now it's time to forget the whole senseless argument: pay absolutely no attention to the laments of the few remaining bigots and try to find the REAL reason why soccer's popularity has nosedived over the years.

In yet another area, the ASF has performed a double summersault with a twist during the summer. Perhaps it should be called a summersault.

A couple of weeks ago it was announced that in 1984 "only club teams would visit Australia — not national sides."

And so it seemed Liverpool, Fiorentina, Juventus, Glasgow Rangers, AEK and others.

Precisely a year ago the ASF — if I recall, Sir Arthur George — announced that from now on we would invite only full national sides as nobody was interested in visiting clubs.

Maybe in a year such an interest has devel-

oped to an appreciable degree. I don't have very strong feelings about the matter either way; I'd be just as happy to see England as Liverpool, Italy as Juventus, Greece as AEK.

It also makes little difference to the Australian or State teams whether they face a strong national or club team.

What I find difficult to understand is how the ASF can change its POLICY so dramatically in 12 months.

Now, in heaven's name, did they reach the first conclusion and what overpowering logic forced them to change their minds?

One has reason to suspect that we have no "foreign policy" at all, no long range plans for the national team, and very little knowledge of the international scene.

Some of the men on the World Cup Committee couldn't tell Glasgow Rangers from the Forest Rangers who guard Yellowstone Park, yet with disarming innocence they dabbled into this mysterious subject.

This is February 1984, in case you forgot.

The World Cup elimination matches may start later this year — but certainly in 1985: the finals are in 1986.

Whoever is in charge of the national team should know by now when and how he can prepare for these hurdles.

A detailed plan should exist very precisely worked out against overseas teams who could help us in our World Cup preparations.

And, even more dramatically, that plan should be executed without further changes.

But, clearly, this is asking for a bit too much...

Those who have been blindly waging a war against what they loosely term as "summer soccer" please note...

Last November the Australian team played in a Singapore tournament. In Singapore's permanent summer; in hot and humid conditions.

The Aussies won the tournament.

There wasn't one murmur from the players or from the pressmen about "summer madness".

Or is it only the Australian summer that bothers them?

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



• This is NOT Adelaide City in action — but Italy's Juventus, the club whose proud name it once carried.

And the only reason for using this picture is to show Adelaide City officials how to put numbers on the back of black and white striped shirts so that they stay visible from more than six inches away...

Syd. Croatia arrives

— at long, long last

At last — merciful last, some would say — sanity has prevailed: Sydney Croatia has been admitted to the NSL without forcing it to change its name.

Now the old argument is about to be settled: will the club be such an asset to senior soccer as advocates of its cause have been arguing for seven years or so?

Croatia's youthful, energetic manager-coach Attila Abonyi is optimistic.

"I feel Croatia have arrived where they always belonged. It was plain crazy to keep them out so long just because they wanted to keep their name."

"When I left them, in 1980, after three successful and happy years, I did so because I feared that bias would permanently prevent their progress. I'm happy to be back now."

So could be Croatia. After all, it has Abonyi, one of the all-time greats of our soccer who, since turning to coaching in 1978, has won numerous titles with Croatia and then Melita and appears to be one of the few up-and-coming managers on the local scene.

Of course, Abonyi knows full well that more enthusiasm will be needed to "mix it with the big boys."

"We have 23 players in training at present and that includes six we have not yet signed," he says. "In the next few weeks we'll sort things out."

"In Savo, Watson, the Kovacic brothers and some others from last year we have a talented and young nucleus for 1984."

"We have also signed three new players: Shane Clinch and Steve Meades from Sutherland, Paul Kerwan from Blacktown. And we have lost only one, Peter Hensman who, due to chronic back and other injuries, has decided to retire."

Goalkeeper Ron Gisbourne, formerly of Riverwood and Banks town, also may join Croatia.

Croatia will play its matches at its Edensor Park ground, five minutes drive from Marconi's — provided the NSL approves the venue. Abonyi admits that the ground needs some improvements — such as widening and the installation of some seating — but adds that these have been scheduled anyway by his club.

A modern, spacious clubhouse with all the usual club facilities is 50 metres from the playing field — an ideal set-up which only Mirrabooka and Blacktown can emulate of the other Sydney clubs. Without being too daring, he predicts average crowds of 4,000 or more in 1984 — with anything up to 10,000 for "specials" such as Olympia's visit in the third round.

Attila, like his former mentor, Frank Arok, is coaching, managing and administering the soccer club; he even wants to try some of Arok's brilliant promotional and fund-raising schemes. On the field he is assisted by Luke Fabijanic — who, in 1977, was his first coach at Croatia — while off the field his main crutch is Tony Topic, now in his fifth year of club presidency.

"We will do everything we can to prove that Croatia is an enormous asset to the NSL, not the liability some have been claiming for years," he says.

"Of course we are a basically ethnic club; of course, so are most of the others. And what's wrong with that? Ninety percent of soccer spectators are ethnic, too. It's high time we stopped pretending."

"If we do get 4,000 or 5,000 fans at our matches, I'm not going to run around asking them whether it's the game or patriotism that has brought them out. I only wish every club had a support like we do, soccer would be miles further ahead on the road."

— ANDREW DETTRE

1984 DOCKERTY CUP DRAW

The following is the draw for the First Preliminary Round of the 1984 Victorian Dockerty Cup to be played on Sunday, February 12, kick off 3pm:

Doncaster Rovers v Ferntree Gully;

Lalor United v Springvale United, Moorabbin City v Coburg, Brighton v Prahran, Port Melbourne v North Dandenong, Sunbury United v East Brunswick, Altona City v Nunawading City, Werribee v Sandringham.

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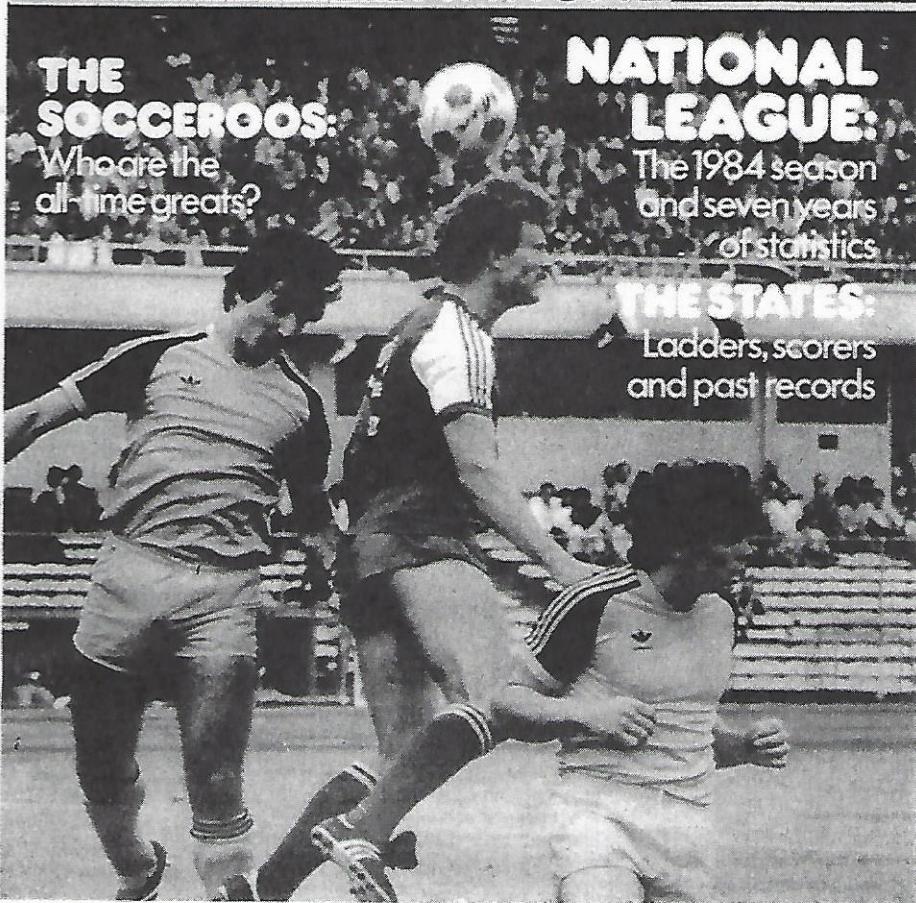
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BUFFALO

Hakoah returns, Shepparton withdraws

Let's not just remember 1984 as the centenary year of organised soccer in Victoria.

Let's hope we can remember 1984 as the year which brought a timely end to the peculiarly Victorian pastime of league restructuring, a three-year-old phenomenon which has pleased few, incensed some and baffled most.

No doubt the office staff at Soccer House in St Kilda would join with most Victorian soccer followers in welcoming a return to the old, two-up, two-down system of promotion and relegation.

Reams of paper work are the sad reminder of the confusion which has reigned in Victorian soccer circles ever since a few wise men first decided to sit in arbitrary judgement over the size and composition of the Victorian leagues back in 1980.

It comes as no shock therefore to learn that Shepparton United, granted admission to the Metropolitan Leagues in November last year, no longer is in the Metropolitan Leagues.

United's late withdrawal

left a vacancy in Fourth Division which has been filled by East Brunswick.

United wanted to play all its games on Sundays. The Metro League board of management resolved that United could play home games on Sundays but was powerless to force clubs hosting the Shepparton outfit to switch to Sunday matches.

What does come as a shock is the appearance of St. Kilda Hakoah in the Fourth Division of the Provisional Leagues. This once mighty club disappeared two years ago in an amalgamation with and eventual takeover by South Melbourne Hellas. But the famous Hakoah name has been revived by members of the Jewish community formerly associated with Amateur League club Macabi.

The VSF board of management will decide this week whether or not to fill the vacancy in the 13-team Fourth Division of the Provisional Leagues. That vacancy was

caused by Macleod United's amalgamation with Provisional Third Division club Dallas City.

Carrum, Richmond United, Eagles United, Northen Suburbs, Old Scotch, Brontoons, Collingwood, Collingwood City, Diggers Rest, Glenroy, Split, Ringwood Rovers, Melburne United and Yarra United all are in either the Provisional or Amateur Leagues for the first time.

Fitzroy City is the new club name for Burnley and Murrumburra now is known as Burwood United.

After a few weeks of the 1984 league season we'll probably notice the difference.

The new leagues:

STATE LEAGUE

Albion Rovers
Box Hill
Broadmeadows
Croydon
Doveton
Fawkner
Frankston Pines
Knox City
Morwell Falcons

Northcote
Polonia
Wilhelmina
St Albans Dinamo
Western Suburbs

METROPOLITAN

DIVISION ONE

Altona City
Altona Gate
Bell Park
Doncaster Rovers
Kew Park Rangers
Melbourne
North Dandenong
Nunawading City
Richmond
Springvale City
Sunbury
Thomastown
Werribee

DIVISION TWO

Caulfield
Coburg
Dandenong City
Eltham
Heidelberg Bundoora
Kewler Austria
Mornington
North Geelong
Prahran Slavia

Ringwood United
Sandringham
St Melb Mordialloc
South Oakleigh
Waverley City

DIVISION THREE

Ardeer
Brighton
Bulleen
Corio
Essendon City
Geelong
Hamlyn Rangers
Karingal
Moorabbin
Mooroolbark
Port Melbourne
Prahran City
Royal Richmond
Yallourn

DIVISION FOUR

Border
Clifton Hill
East Brunswick
Ferntree Gully
Greensborough
Hawthorn
Holland Park
Keilor
Laker United
Langwarrin
Rosanna
Rosebud
Springvale United
Yarraville

PROVISIONAL
DIVISION ONE

Ballarat
Boronia
Carlton
Central City
Chelsea
Clarinda
Clayton
Hawthorn
Malvern City
Melton
Monash Uni
Shepparton City
West Brunswick
West Geelong

DIVISION TWO

Abbotsford
Altona United
Berwick
Cranbourne
Fitzroy City
Geelong United
Kyneton
Nunawading United
Pascoe Vale
Regent
South Dandenong
South Yarra
Uni of Melbourne

DIVISION THREE

Brunswick City
Burwood United

Clarinda-Konjung
Dallas City
Diamond Valley
Dingley
Hampton Wanderers
Lyndale United
Mitcham
Mossfiel Rangers
North Sunshine
Port United
Seaford
West Melbourne

DIVISION FOUR

Ascot Vale City
Batman
Baxter
Carrum
East Carlton
Epping Thistle
St Kilda Hakoah
Moorabbin
Mulgrave
Patterson
Richmond United
South Parkmore
Westall

AMATEUR LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE
Ascot St Marks
Balwyn
Balwyn City
Bundoora

Chadstone
Endeavour Hills
Latrobe Uni
Maccabi
Meadow Park
Melbourne Uni
North Melbourne
Waverley United

DIVISION TWO

Concorde
Eagles United
Hosa United
Northern Suburbs
Old Scotch College
Philip-Coburg
Phillip Institute
South Springvale
RMIT
Vermont
West United
West Meadows

DIVISION THREE

Brontoons
Southern Cross
Collingwood City
Collingwood
Diggers Rest
East Richmond
Glenroy Split
Larob City
Melbourne United
Ringwood Rovers
Yarra United

Mitten to Polonia, Mila to Croatia?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Polonia and Morwell Falcons, the likely semi-finalists from Section B, meet in a vital Victorian Buffalo Cup clash at Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine tonight (Wednesday), starting at 7 pm.

The competition is for teams not in the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup.

Striker Noel Mitten, who joined Polonia in the last few days, will make his debut against his former club, Falcons. The Morwell side will have Bobby McGuinness back in its line-up. The 1980 Victorian Rosebud Medal winner missed last weekend's clash with St Albans Dinamo through suspension.

I'm going for a draw. I'm looking forward to getting a first hand glimpse of Morwell's new import, sweeper Gerry Clarke. From all reports he's a class player. He'll have to cope with Polo-

nia's new strike force of Mitten and former Ringwood Wilhelmina player Dave Gibson, who crossed to Polonia last week for \$4000.

Polonia too won't have it easy at the back where John Vaths is filling in due to Danny McCluskey's absence from training. McCluskey still is needed at Polonia. It's up to him whether or not he wants to commit himself to the club this year. If he does then alongside Rick Lapiarski, Andy Czaplinski and Stefan Mila, he'll give coach John Gardine a good defence to build upon.

Gardine himself may end up as sweeper if rumors about

Milan going to Melbourne Croatia are true. It hasn't taken Gardine long to make his attitude to training well known at Polonia. He dropped Tadek Kryszinski and Janusz Przybyla for last Sunday's clash with Fawkner because both forwards missed last Thursday night's training session.

Polonia has transfer listed

Alex Marshall and Mirek Smolarek, both good players. It should take them long to get fixed up with other clubs.

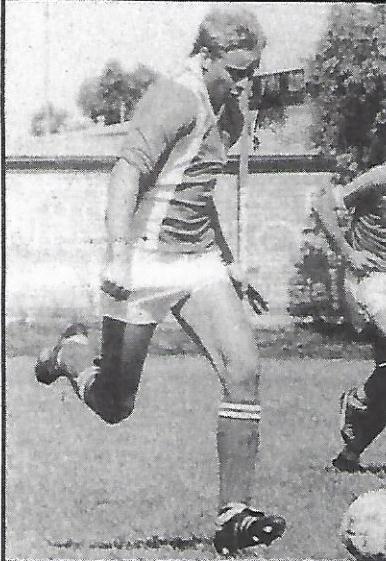
Other matches tonight feature Broadmeadows at home to Western Suburbs and St Albans Dinamo at home to Albion Rovers.

Broadmeadows need a few new player to do well in State League this year but they may hold suburbs here. Dinamo, inspired by the seemingly ageless Billy Vojtek, player-coach, should beat Albion which has both on-field and off-field problems.

Box Hill already looms as the winner of Section A and should be sent for Rudi van Altena's Wilhelmina at Wembley Park this Sunday, starting at 3 pm. The Hillmen are experimenting with Andy Hughes at right back and Ray Tolmie as sweeper but up front their usual striking duo of Paul Priestley and Peter Verechia are in fine form and should be too strong for Wilhelmina's defence which misses David Brooks' experience.

Knox City sprang a surprise against Northcote last Sunday by playing regular goalkeeper Stuart McTurk as centre forward. Coach Eric Lesbired was left with a three-headed squad due to the absence of Greg House, Jeff Gerrish, Dunn and Steve Wild, Andrew Compton and Peter Mykska, all holidaying over the Australia Day weekend. All seven should be available for Sunday's clash at Egan Lee Reserve against Frankston Pines.

Knox's and Sunday's games, with likely winners in capitals.



Fawkner defender David Vesnaver in full flight against Albion Rovers in the Buffalo Cup. Fawkner won the match 4-2. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Hugh Murney

By LES SHORROCK

Hugh Murney and Joe Docherty resigned as coach and manager respectively of Albion Rovers last weekend.

The resignations were a result of a long-simmering dispute with the club committee over money matters which came to a head just before the kick-off of Sunday's game against Broadmeadows.

Several players are understood to be disappointed with the terms offered for this year (\$80 a win, \$60 a draw and \$40 a loss, but with no signing-on fee), and their attitude, coupled with an ultimatum from the committee that no money is available for new players, proved to be the final straw for Murney and Docherty.

While most neutral observers would marvel at the fact that a licensed club could find itself so strapped for cash, even after taking into account that the club has been bled several times, committee men feel they are justified in their stand.

Club identity Billy Cree said that while the new dressing rooms built off-season by Sunshine Council looked fine, the club had provided all the interior fittings, amounting to some \$11,000 in all and still faced the problem of getting the sewer connected.

Now a new coach and team manager must be found. And many players are considering leaving.

Former Sunshine star Jimmy McRobert was offered the Albion coaching job during last Sunday's game but declined as he expected to be re-appointed coach of Metro First Division club Moreland this week.

BUFFALO CUP DETAILS

Victorian Buffalo Cup details:

SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Box Hill.....	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Knox City.....	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
Frankston Pines.....	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Wilhelmina.....	2	0	1	1	2	1	1
Doveton.....	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Northcote.....	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polonia.....	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Morwell.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Fawkner.....	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Broadmeadows.....	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
St Albans Dinamo.....	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Western Suburbs.....	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Albion Rovers.....	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

ROUND ONE

BOX HILL 2 (Hughes pen 35th, K. Valentine 55th) — NORTHCOTE 0 at Wembly Park.

HUGHES 8, Tolmie 8, Lawler 7 (az., zonal 1st), Keogh 6, McLeod 5, Miller 7, McLeish 2, Verezich 7, Keenan 3. Coach: Bill Murray.

NORTHCOTE: Videcic 5 — Cutler 5, Keenan 6, Verezich 6, Miller 6 — Wilkes 6, Wright 6, Culina 6 — Stilpias 6, Mikloski 6, Dionisopoulos 7. Coach: Tony Vralis.

ST ALBANS DINAMO 2

DOVETON 0 FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Cooke 27th, Spencer 58th) at Waratah Reserve.

DOVETON: Ryan 7 — G. McLeod 7, Geddy 6, M. Keogh 6 (Law H.T.), Sjoberg 6 — Douglas 5 (Law H.T.), Buchanan 7, Miller 7, Lennon 7, Jones 6, McDonald 5. Coach: Hamish McLeish.

FRANKSTON PINES: Ivanoff 7 (Kovic 50th) — Bruce 6, Livingston 7, Paudling 7, Beach 7 — P. Luca 6 (Spencer 52nd), McNeil 7, Cooke 7, Miller 6 — McNamee 6, O'Halloran 7. Coach: Danny McNamee.

DOVETON: Terzini 5 — Sebbag 6, Giacomi 6, Leocci 6, Cicali 6, Aristedou 6, Lesbired 6, Roddis 7 — Gurney 7, Higman 7, Train 7 — T. van Bear 7.

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BUFFALO SPORTS

Tzintzis a star in the making

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Tzintzis 56th) JUVENTUS 1 (Miranda 33rd), crowd about 6500 (double-header). Cautions: Miranda (J). Referee: Evan Venios 3).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Kardamitis 6 — McKie 8, Angelo 7, Gabriele 8, Spanos 7 — Selimidis 7, Amantidis 5 (Salvo 6, 42nd), Valentine 7 — Cullen 6, Lloyd 4 (inj. sub. Krnjacic 66th), Metaxis 5, Vagias 56th), Patterson 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

JUVENTUS: Keogh 6 — V. Bannon 8, P. Bannon 7, Miranda 6, Hird 7 — Cullen 6, Lloyd 4 (Swinscoe 62nd), Incantalupo 7 — Sweeney 5, Ward 5, Zinni 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

Pashalis Tzintzis, the young star from South Oakleigh, should win a permanent place in the Heidelberg team because he's fast, enthusiastic, he can beat an opponent and he's a goalscorer.

Not only did he score the equaliser for Heidelberg on Friday, but he also came close after beating two men on a 20-metre solo run just before half-time.

Heidelberg played without Gary Cole, Jim Tansey, Jim Campbell, and Jeff Oliver who all want transfers; Don Macleod who was suspended and Charlie Yankos who's trialling with Brighton in England.

As a result, the club fielded a makeshift team that included only five senior players.

Juve missed new signing John Doyle because he was fit after spending the off-season in Scotland, but with recruits Joe Sweeney, Gary Ward, Richard Miranda and Sean Keogh in the team, Juventus was expected to win convincingly.

Instead, it was largely ineffective in midfield, although Fabio Incantalupo did manage a few intelligent, defence-splitting passes from them.

Sweeney and Lloyd were sluggish in front, and the defence lived dangerously because Miranda strayed too far too often from his stopper's position.

It was a mistake by referee Evan Venios that gave Juventus its goal just before half time. Andrew Zinni hit the post with a shot which bounced out to Miranda. He stumbled and fell on the ball, handling it before it went into the net. Linesman John Fraser signalled the hand-offense, but Venios allowed the goal to stand, much to the delight of the Juventus players.

Earlier, Heidelberg left back John Spanos had hit the crossbar with a good shot, and a shot by John Gabrielson, bought from Box Hill

for \$2000, was cleared off the goal line by Harry Ridd.

Marcelo Salvo, the youth international from the Institute of Sport in Canberra, replaced the Tiger Amantidis after half time, and showed off some of his renowned skill.

Shortly afterwards, Scott Patterson beat Vince Bannon and Miranda on a fine solo run, but goalkeeper Keogh turned the shot wide for a corner.

Another example of Venios' poor form in this match was his insistence that Juventus take a free-kick over a foul on Rob Cullen, even though by then, Cullen's pass already had given Vince Bannon a 10-metre advantage.

Cullen brought the Juventus fans to their feet with a spectacular run down the right wing. He played a one-two with Gary Ward, then crossed the ball, but Ward's header was saved by Spiros Kalamokitis.

There came the equalising goal. Patterson won the ball on the left and played a perfectly-judged square ball in to the goal area where Tzintzis rammed it into the roof of the net.

Juventus coach John Marigaris replaced out-of-form Kevin Lloyd with Kevin Swinscoe, who went to the stopper's position, enabling Miranda to push into midfield.

Tzintzis was hurt in a tackle by Swinscoe and had to be carried off. Let's hope he's fit for the next game. This competition needs more players like him.

LAURIE SCHWAB



Makedonia newcomer Graham Heys

\$12,000 from Buffalo

The inaugural Buffalo Gold Summer Cup, which kicked off last Friday night, carries \$12,000 in sponsorship from Buffalo Sports — \$8000 in prize-money and \$4000 to be used for promotional purposes.

The winning team receives \$4000 and a cup, the runner-up gets \$2000 and each losing semi-finalist gets \$1000.

There also is a Player of the Series award, which will be decided by a panel of journalists who will vote after each match in the competition. The composition of that panel will change from game to game.

The Player of the Series wins a trip for two to Tasmania with two nights' accommodation at West Point Casino. This award is sponsored by VSF Travel in conjunction with Ametco Travel.

The Buffalo Gold Summer Cup replaces the Ampol Cup which was 29 years old. Mr Ian Whilton of Buffalo Sports said that he hoped the association between his company and the VSF would be as successful as that between Ampol and the VSF.

"My hope is that Buffalo Sports will become a household name in soccer circles and will enjoy the same success that the Ampol organisation enjoyed through its involvement in the code," said Mr Whilton.

To date, Buffalo has sponsored Victorian soccer to the tune of \$16,000.

As for forecasting the result, I have a slight leaning towards Heidelberg, but I'll go for a draw.

Murphy wins it

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Murphy 44th) GREEN GULLY AJAX 0 at Olympic Park, Saturday night. Crowd: about 3,000. Referee: Cambridge 7.

Arnold Langer was quite content after his side had gone down 1-0 to South Melbourne Hellas.

"What more can you ask for? The boys did well. What do you expect when the best two strikers in the country — Paul Lewis and Bobby Toal — aren't available?" Langer said after the match.

Those of us watching from the grandstand expected more, much more. From both teams.

Hellas won with a great Ken Murphy shot from 25 metres in

WINS ARE A MUST FOR JUVE, J.U.S.T.

Footscray J.U.S.T. and Juventus, after dropping points unexpectedly in the first round, have to win at the weekend to revive their semi-final hopes and, more important, to inject some life into the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup.

Juve may, for the first time, use its latest recruit, John Dowie, against Group B leader Croatia at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Dowie didn't play in the 1-1 draw with Heidelberg-Alexander because he had only just returned from a holiday in Scotland.

His presence should improve the Juventus midfield, providing he's fit enough.

J.U.S.T. couldn't possibly play as badly again as it did against Croydon, so if its players pull themselves together, they may turn their game against Hellas on Friday into a real contest.

But Hellas would be strengthened by the inclusion of Steve Woodfin on the forward line. He was suspended from last week's match against Ajax.

J.U.S.T. needs to have Gary McDowell in the midfield, but with Kyri Kyriakouleas away in Apollo Bay, running his holiday business there, McDowell was required last week to play alongside newcomer Jim Davis as centre back.

The problem could be solved if Igor Hazabent manages to get time off work. He could play left back, enabling Graham Tutil to move into the middle as sweeper, behind Davis, and McDowell to push into the midfield from where could dictate play for J.U.S.T.

It remains to be seen whether Charlie Egan returns to Hellas from holidays in time for the game, and whether, indeed, he will be fit enough. If Hellas plays without him again, it but have to continue relying heavily on Doug Brown up front — and then, what's new? He scored winning goals galore last season.

Fitness levels are well below par — as is motivation and, in many cases, enthusiasm.

As a mark of respect to the loyal fans who pay their hard-earned cash at the gate, let's hope that changes dramatically this Friday and Saturday.

In the other Friday game, Croydon, which fought so hard for its draw with J.U.S.T., will show just as much resistance against Ajax, but I don't expect as good as result.

Ajax, without Paul Lewis and Bobby Toal up front, had virtually no attack against Hellas, but I think the midfielders, or David Smallman, will provide the breakthrough against Croydon.

The Heidelberg-Alexander match on Saturday night revolves around what happens on the transfer market during the week.

One thing is certain, Don Macleod, suspended last week, will be back in Heidelberg's defence, meaning Joe Angele or John Spanos probably will push up into the midfield.

Gordon Flavell will return to the Makedonia team after suspension.

As for forecasting the result, I have a slight leaning towards Heidelberg, but I'll go for a draw.

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Melbourne Croatia. Back row: Ossie Latif, Ron Blasby, David Brogan, Drago Deankovic, Jozo A Biskic, Keith Adams, Jeff Faulkner, Tommy Cummins

Brogan Cummins

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Brogan 4th, Cumming 34th, Parton 41st) PRESTON MAKE-DONIA 0 at Olympic Park, Friday night. Crowd: over 6000. Referee: Zoumas 6.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 8 (Deankovic 65th), Adams 8, Parton 8, Hannah 7 — Biskic 9, (Letef 60th), Antolovic 7, Faulkner 7, Gojevic 8 — Cumming 9, Brogan 9. Coach: Terry Hennessy.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 6 — Olerton 6 — Balovski 4, Opsanis 5, McMillan 5, Petrovski 4 — Iloski 5, Odzakov 6 Einji, Christou 61st, Campbell 4 — Hey 4, Livingston 4. Coach: Peter Orrleton.

New Croatia coach Terry Hennessy is no sportsman

He has told his committee that he must have four top quality new players to embark on the club's first National League title campaign.

Now come on Terry. Do you plan to merely win the League title or set an NSW record winning points margin?

Let's be fair. We want the National League to hold fans spellbound till the final hurdle of the

season. Take last year for example. What a gripping finale we saw with four clubs capable of taking out the championship going into the final round.

That's the sort of thing we all crave Terry. Not a runaway league winner.

I'm prepared to concede that Croatia could do with two first-rate newcomers but after watching the clinical destruction of old-rival Makedonia last Friday night, one wonders whether four top-class newcomers would get a regular game!

Seriously though, Hennessy undoubtedly got away with last week's performance. He won't let his players get carried away either. That's in spite of the fact that this writer has never seen the Tommy Cumming-David Brogan partnership work better. Ever.

Sure! Josip Bliskic is a cracking winger and he taunted Ljubo Petrovski all night, but let's not lose sight of the fact that Cumming and Brogan did it all where it counted, inside the Makedonia area.

Bogdanov never has looked sharper. He disappointed me at times last season when I always had the highest regard for his ability, boy oh boy, did he turn it on here.

Makedonia player-coach Peter Orrleton started off at sweeper.

Croydon's 'kids'

CROYDON CITY 0 FOOTSCRAY JUST 0, crowd about 4500 (double header), Saturday night. Cautions: Tutil (JUST), I. Loughnane (C). Referee: John Stojcikovic 8.

CROYDON CITY: Edwards 3 — Ley Saisi 5, Singleton 8, Ormond 8, Marley 5 — Allens 6, Brown 6, Tkachuk 6, Lucio Saisi 6 — Cubitt (inj. sub. Rainey 6, 26th), I. Loughnane 7. Coach: Colin Hasler.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8 — Stojcikovic 5, McDowell 8, Davis 6, Tutil 6 — Curovic 6, Belic 4, O'Donnell 5 — Paton 4, Carroll 7, Lujic 6. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

An elderly gent with white hair and a ruddy complexion remarked as we passed outside Olympic Park before the game that we'd see a big upset in this match.

He obviously knows the qualities of the teenagers brought into the Croydon team to replace Jimmy Rooney, Gus Macleod, Paul Wade, Ian Dobson, Joe Sweeney and others who have departed.

But outside the ground before the game, nothing but an overwhelming JUST victory seemed possible.

We were wrong. The elderly gent was right. In fact, Croydon could have and should have won this match.

In the 46th minute Ian Loughnane delivered a brilliant square ball to Lucio Saisi whose shot, however, was repelled acrobatically by Dennis Boland. The ball rebounded to Loughnane who, this time, hammered it over the bar.

In the 55th minute, Loughnane launched a powerful drive from inside the penalty area and again Boland saved brilliantly. It was he and he alone who prevented utter embarrassment for JUST.



Juventus. Back row: Harry Hird, Sam Greco, Gary Ward, Richard Miranda, Sean Keogh, Paddy Bannon, Gary Clayton, Graham French, Joe Sweeney. Front: Frank Geramia, Rob Cullen, Andrew Zinni, Vince Bannon, Fabio Incantalupo, Kevin Lloyd, Kevin Swinscoe.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



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SECTION A

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Hellas	1	0	1	0	2	2
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week's games, Friday from 7.30 pm: Ajax v. 1, JUST v. Hellas.						

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	1	0	3	0	2	3
	0	1	0	1	1	1
Heidelberg	0	1	0	1	1	1
Makedonia	0	0	1	0	3	0
week's games, Saturday from 7.30 pm: Croatia v. 1, Heidelberg v. Makedonia.						



Jim Davis

McLachlan

wants bargains

Shrewd team-builder Bobby McLachlan of Footscray J.U.S.T. is looking interstate for more bargain buys after signing centre back Jim Davis from Macedonia in Perth.

Davis bought for only \$3000, played for East Fife and Cowdenbeath in Scotland before coming to Australia.

Tasmanian Craig Nicholls, 19, from Olympia in Hobart, has been matching J.U.S.T.'s fittest players, Vlatko Belic and Suleiman Curovic in training, but his transfer hit a snag when Olympia demanded \$200 for him.

McLachlan is adamant he will not buy players from Melbourne, because the prices are too high.

"When I was at Ajax, Paul Lewis joined us at a call-up cost of \$1500, yet now not his transfer fee is being quoted at \$3000," McLachlan said.

"I brought Gary McDowell to J.U.S.T. from Scotland for \$3000, and I could bring over many more like him were it not for the import restrictions.

"Why then, should we pay inflated prices locally?

"It's easy enough to be successful as coach of Hellas, where you've got the money to sign the best players, but that just isn't possible at J.U.S.T."

"Don't get me wrong, though. We'll still have a very good team."

If McLachlan's past record is anything to go by, you have to believe him.

Remember what he did for Ajax!

Makedonia wants Cole, Lucchesi to J.U.S.T.?

Where will Claude Lucchesi go?

The talented Makedonia striker has been in dispute with his club since late last season, and although he continues to train there, it is unlikely he will play for Makedonia again.

Footscray J.U.S.T. was interested in signing Lucchesi, but it depends on the transfer fee.

Lucchesi's contract with Makedonia stipulates a maximum transfer fee of about \$3000, but the club removed the clause, claiming he broke his contract when he went to the U.S. on a business trip last year.

Lucchesi has solicitors challenging the club over its action.

While the matter remains unresolved, Makedonia has signed Graham Heys for \$10,000.

Brian Garvey takes up the challenge at Heidelberg

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Brian Garvey wasn't ruffled when he flew in from England to take up his new job as coach of Heidelberg United only to find that star trio, striker Gary Cole, midfielder Jim Campbell and goalkeeper Jeff Olver, couldn't come to terms with the club over new contracts.

"If I had been here for a while and was well versed in the scene it probably would scare me a bit to have so many of last year's first team unavailable," said Garvey.

But I'm new here, I'm fresh, I see the job in front of me as a challenge, with it's challenges, the committee and players at Heidelberg we'll overcome any problems."

"I've told Gary Cole, Jim Campbell and Jeff Olver that they are all good players and I'd like to see them stay at the club, but if they can't come to terms over new contracts then we may have to part. If we sell them, then we'll have to use the money to replace them with players of similar quality. That's not going to be easy and we'll have to use our money wisely."

As we went to press, Heidelberg was trying to sign Nick Theodorakopoulos from Canterbury-Marrickville, equal top scorer in the 1983 NSW State League.

Talented defender John Gabrielson joined last week from Box Hill for \$2000 and Paul Tzitzis, one of the outstanding forwards in the Victorian Metro Leagues for the past two seasons, joined from South Oakleigh for \$4500.

Derek Lee, Heidelberg's leading scorer last season, may return from Scotland. When Lee flew out of Australia late last year it seemed that he wouldn't return but Garvey is hopeful of getting the little striker back in Heidelberg colors.

Charlie Yankos still is trialling with English Second Division club Brighton and Jim Tahse wants to leave and can be bought for \$5000.

Don Macleod, after serving a one week suspension when he was sent off in the second leg of the 1983 National Cup, will be available for the remainder of the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup. Macleod missed last Friday night's Summer Cup clash with Juventus.

Garvey was recommended to Heidelberg last year, firstly by Northcote defender Gary Cutler, then by former England manager Ron Greenwood, here for the triangular series against the Socceroos last June.

Garvey's professional playing career spanned 15 years with Hull City, Watford and Colchester. He was player-manager with non-league club Bedford Town then was on the coaching staff of Wolves and Arsenal. He has been assistant coach of the English Socceroos last June.

With them, with such an impressive coaching background, did he come to a soccer backwater to continue his career?

Football in England is undergoing a financial recession. Most clubs are cutting down on their playing staff which means that they also are cutting down on coaching staff. There's not that many jobs available anymore."

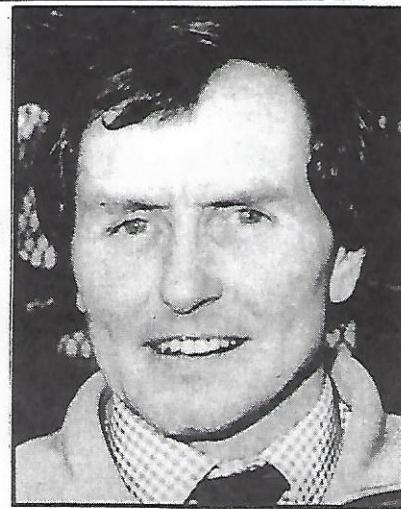
While with Bedford Town, Garvey sold Jim Campbell to Oxford United for about \$4000.

"It was good for Jim and good for Bedford. The club needed the money and Jim was given a chance to further himself as a full time professional."

Garvey is pleased with the training facilities at Heidelberg and he praised newly appointed assistant coach Jim Kriaris, the former Heidelberg and Footscray JUST defender.

"Jim and I seem to be on the same wavelength which is great and he seems to have worked the lads hard during a difficult period for the club."

"A successful team has a good blend of experience and youth. We need to develop a sound youth policy but at the same time I'm very aware of the dangers of rushing young lads into the team at too early a stage. Young players must be given time to develop."



New Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey

Peter Lewis and Jim Campbell to join Croatia?

Peter Lewis of Ajax and Jim Campbell from Heidelberg were targets of Melbourne Croatia's new coach Terry Hennessy as we went to press.



Ian Dobson

Croatia still hasn't completed the transfer of stopper Ian Dobson from Croydon. Dobson returned this weekend from a holiday in his native England has agreed terms with Croatia. At first, Croydon wanted \$15,000 for the quality defender but has dropped its asking price to \$12,000 and won't go any lower.

Croatian fans will be keen to see 23 year old striker Jozo Bogardino in action. Bogardino, a Hajduk player currently on loan to NK Split, is expected to arrive in Australia within the next three weeks. He will fill one of two visa vacancies at Croatia.

Another Croatian, a former Yugoslav youth international defender is expected to migrate to Australia. Croatia won't release his name yet but club officials have a high regard for him.

Croatian fans have shown interest in Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Olver and we believe that a cash and player deal, involving young Croatia striker Ossie Latif, has been discussed by both clubs.

Hennessy, who played over 400 games in the English leagues, captaining Nottingham Forest, Derby County and Birmingham City, and played 29 games for Wales, 20 as captain, arrived here in December after coaching Tulsa Roughnecks to a 2-0 win in Soccerbowl '83 over Toronto Blizzard.

Melbourne Croatia beat Heidelberg to the punch in signing Hennessy as coach for 1984.

"I need four new quality players," said Hennessy.

"The standard here is not as high as in the States. On the positive side, players here have a very high work rate and I haven't seen many players who aren't prepared to pull their weight."

"I've got a lot of work to do in the area of general organisation. We've had to go back to basics and I haven't been able, so far, to work on organising us in specific areas. I'll get a good look at the players in the Summer Cup. I want to see them accepting responsibility on the park. I don't mind if mistakes are made. We all make mistakes. I'll be looking for leadership qualities from my players."

Hennessy also is Croatia's youth team coach. He has told youngsters George Radman and Mate Bozic that at present they don't fit into his first team plans. Hennessy wanted him to work with him in the youth team and when he thought they were ready he would put them back in the first team squad. However, it seems that both Radman and Bozic are destined to join new Victorian State League club St Albans Dinamo.

Dennis Morovic also seems set to leave Croatia.

Hennessy was well aware of the need for a Croatian backed club to field Croatian players. says that any Croatian good enough will gain a place in his side.

"I don't care if a player is Scottish, Irish or Japanese, as long as he produces the goods. Any Croatian players in the first team will be there because they deserve to be there on ability."

"If a player isn't good enough, he won't be selected. I won't be getting the sack for the sake of others who want certain players selected. Everyone selected is done so on the basis of quality."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

g, Biskic best

ind a four man defensive unit, all with man marking duties. Jim Balevski was pitted Inst. Steve Gojevic. Con Opas' chief Cummings' shadow, Jim McMillan had to work upon while Petrovski was at his & end cut wide against Biskic, Goran Iljoski and Zarko Odzakov were going in midfield, Urge Campbell found Tony Curcio a handful and Alex Liverton rarely was sighted. Spare hought however for Makedonia's new signing from West Adde, winger Graham Heys He, every Makedonia player who the misfortune to get forward, n found himself surrounded by onets. Heys cut a lonely route for most of the night.

he respect paid to Croatia by Ollerton's tagging tactics is one wonder which of these was the new National outfit. Playing like accustomed N.S.W. grand final team, looked as individuals and played confidence and flair which gripped any non-partisan

fan's look at the goals. Bilevski goal side of Brogan at center in the 4th minute while Bilevski, Brogan, on the in a flash, Brogan out-evaded the Makedonia de-

fender and met Biskic's curling cross firmly, heading past helpless Richard Wilson for the opener.

Wilson did well to parry over a Cumming header in the 17th minute but the Kiwi keeper fumbled badly six minutes later Cumming charged in and struck the ball home. It looked like a legitimate goal but referee Sam Zoumas chalked it off.

However, there was no stopping Cumming in the 34th minute. Makedonia and Croatia both had pushed up from the back. Bilevski tried to play the ball over the top the Croatia defense but failed.

Instead, the ball struck an opponent and ricocheted over Opas' head. Makedonia's last goal Cumming raced clear and although Opas almost caught up, Cumming cleverly slid down and toe-poked the ball past advancing Wilson to make it 2-0.

Ollerton started the second half up front but Croatia continued to dominate. Cumming and Brogan both went close then stopper Sean Parton made it 3-0 in the 41st minute. Gojevic drove the ball in from a corner to the near post. Cumming headed on and Parton headed in from six metres. That completed the rout.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Steal the show

oydon's young midfield held up efficiently, without ever being flashy, and although its fulls were lax in allowing Sutcliffe and Zdravko Ljubic to drift into the space between the centre backs, Eddie and Dave Singleton, dealt with those crosses.

e question has to be asked: did JUST persist with theies when it was evident that play was not going to work? ie Paton and Joe Carroll never able to get onto the end of i and Vlatko Belic rarely forward to support them in ir.

less JUST gets one forward good in the air and who es regularly (not like Carroll, ill his good qualities), JUST will be one of the lowest teams in the league.

ank goodness for Gary McDowell.

One man who wants to forget this game in a hurry is Croydon goalkeeper Mick Edwards who dropped the ball as if it were a red hot coal.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

000 from West Adelaide Hel-

ls. He and George Campbell, for a good wing partner, but then a central striker — and that's where Gary Cole comes in.

Cole is determined to switch from Heidelberg, which, however, wants \$30,000 for him. The price will have to come down before Makedonia digs into its pockets.

Makedonia also needs two centre-backs, as both David Jones and George Todorovski have left the club.

Makedonia was hoping to sign Robbie Dunn from West last year.

Lucchesi has solicitors challenging the club over its action.

While the matter remains unresolved, Makedonia has signed Graham Heys for \$10,000.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Lawson to move

Sunshine-George Cross sweeper Steve Lawson, 25, is available for transfer at a negotiable fee of \$4,000.

The former Slavia player is a quality sweeper with experience in the Scottish First and Second Divisions. Lawson can be contacted during working hours on 615 1474.

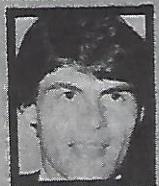
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Another triumph in Asia but at home we're going backwards

Our new-look national squad — it included about 10 new faces — won the Merlion Cup in Singapore for the second year, but it was much tougher this time.

The month of December is the rainy season. The grounds are soft and wet, which means your legs get very tired, and the humidity is unbearable.

China was very impressive, and that right winger — Chou Chong Yee, I think his name is — is the fastest thing I've seen on two feet.

We call Graham Jennings "Flash" but compared with this guy, Jennings is dead slow!

Singapore, with super star Fandi, was quite a team, and its 60,000 supporters created an electrifying atmosphere in the final.

Fandi pulled in 40,000 people on his own, would you believe?

Only about 12,000 watched Singapore's first two games, but when Fandi arrived from

We're going backwards

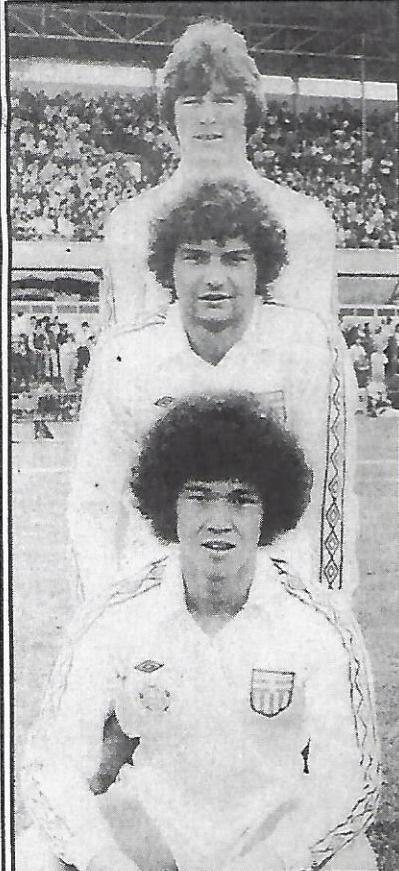
Instead of progressing, Australian soccer over the past few years, has been going in the opposite direction.

Crowds have dropped alarmingly!

I know we've been having an economic crisis, but that hasn't affected cricket or Australian Rules.

As for myself, I spent most of the time carrying an injury, after hurting my leg in the second game.

I'd say the best players on tour were Phil O'Connor, Graham Jennings and Tony Henderson.



As teenage stars with SM-Hellas — Alan Davidson (front), now at Arsenal, and George Christopoulos (middle), of AEK Athens. Will Steve Blair (top) go next?

Attention, all Whistlers!

The Bayside League needs Referees.

Excellent remuneration.

For further details ring Mr L O'Kelly.



The Rest of the World outfit: Mr Joseph Docherty (manager), Mr Gary McDowell (resident physician), Mr Noel Mitten, Mr Joseph Sweeney, Mr Michael Gaut esq. (stern official), Mr Gus Macleod, Mr John Gardiner, Mr Hugh Murney, Mr Michael McGorian, Mr Patrick Bannon, Mr David Brooks, Mr George Orrock (stretcher bearer), Mr Donald Macleod, Mr William Morrey, Mr Terry Adkins (stern official), Mr Luther Kastner, Mr David Rand (stern official), Mr Steven Marley (stretcher bearer). Reclining: Mr Gordon Cameron (left), Mr Tarak Gunerli.

A jolly fine show by the colonial centenarians

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

AUSTRALIA 4 (Mr Ollerton 2, Mr Rooney, Mr Vojtek) REST OF THE WORLD 1 (Mr Sweeney). Nostalgia match at Olympic Park. Referee: Mr Michael Gaut esq.



A comic interlude — Mr James Tansey, whose "eyebrows" appear to meet in the middle.

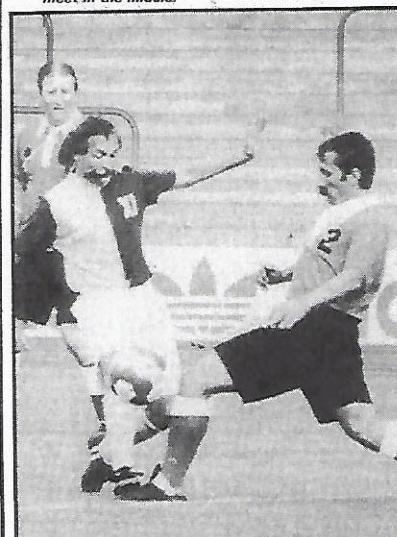
REST OF THE WORLD: Mr

Kastner — Mr Tarak, Mr Russel, Mr Tansley — Mr Vincent Bannon, Mr Irvine, Mr Rooney — Mr McMeekan, Mr Armstrong, Mr Ollerton, Mr Vojtek, Mr Keenan. Manager: Mr Joseph Docherty. Resident Physician: Mr Gary McDowell.

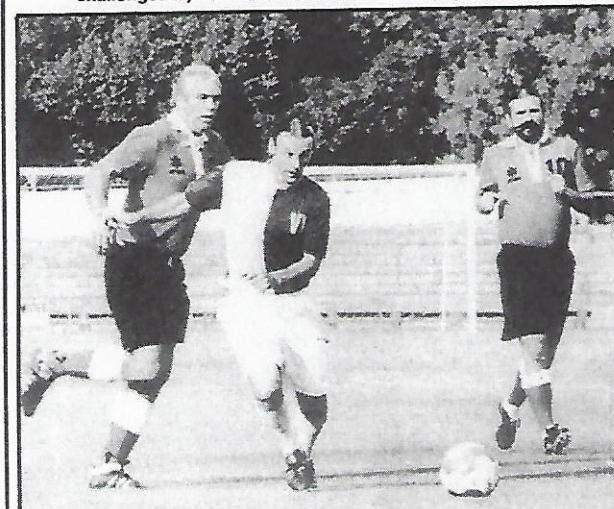
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A master in action — Mr Hamilton McMeekan.



Australia's Mr William Vojtek (left) stoutly challenged by Mr Tarak Gunerli.



Mr James Rooney (central) delightfully sidesteps Mr Patrick Bannon.

An aristocratic display from the green and gold Antipodean army, marred only by an unfortunate exchange of fistcuffs from Messrs Keenan and Murney in the second period of play, highlighted this nostalgia match to mark the opening of the Victorian Soccer Federation's centenary year celebrations.

The alteration between Messrs Keenan and Murney was quickly quelled by Mr Michael Gaut esq., who altogether officiated in his now customary authoritative manner. Mr Gaut's whistling was a delight to behold and he had little hesitation in expelling the scoundrels from the field of play.

The startling trickery of Messrs Ollerton, Rooney and Vojtek was breathtaking, a balm to the mind in this sad age of on-field thuggery.

The herculean efforts of Mr Hamilton McMeekan, cruelly clipped from behind by an unknown assailant shortly after the respite, must be greatly commended. This diminutive ball master dispelled the stuff that this

colony is famed for by battling on in true pioneering fashion.

Mr Peter Ollerton, a youngster of great promise, prodded the scoreboard attendant into action with a firm, forward forehead thrust at the ball in the first period. It could well be that that particular part of the human anatomy may be put to far more use over the next few years, what with the many entrepreneurial rascals exerting an increasingly improper influence over the direction of this once gentlemanly code of association football.

Mr Rooney sent the parochial colonial supporters into an extended period of warm applause when he scored the second goal of the contest shortly after Mr Ollerton's success.

A minor rally by the Rest of the World eleven, highly commendable after their inability to effectively encroach upon the resolute Australian rear-guard in the first period of play, nonetheless was short lived. Mr Sweeney, a swarthy, powerful gent from the mother country, whose entry to this colony was couched in a "chain" of dubious circumstances, gave supporters of the empire a faint hope of a firm revival when he defied the athleticism of the gallant Mr Reilly to gain a goal for the Rest of the World. Alas, such hope was dashed when Messrs Vojtek and Ollerton repiled in true cavalier fashion.

When Mr Gaut signalled the finale with a short, sharp puff of his whistle, the scoreboard read: Australia 4, Rest of the World 1.

Let us hope that many more such contests are organised by the far sighted officials of our association football federation. The fine body of gentlemen who give eagerly of their time and assets to promote this stirring sport deserve the highest accolade. Well



Victoria, back row: Stan Slazyk (team manager), Bill Beveridge (physiotherapist), Oscar Crino, Peter Laumets, Steve Blair, Jeff Oliver, Peter Lewis, Zarko Odzakov, Stefan Mila, Gary Cole, Tim White (coach). Front row: Josip Biskic, Carl Halford, Keith Adams, Tommy Cumming, Jim Campbell (captain), John Yzendoorn, Ken Murphy, Paul Lewis. Pictures by LES SHORROCK



Victorian striker Gary Cole

A snub and a super sub for Germans

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

VICTORIA 1 (Cole 47th)
WEST BERLIN 2 (Schure 74th, Clavis 83rd) at Olympic Park. Crowd: About 4000. Referee: Jim Fearn 7.

VICTORIA: Oliver 7 — Peter Lewis 7, Blair 6, Yzendoorn 6, Adams 5 — Cumming 7, Odzakov 7, J. Campbell 7 (inj), Crino 66th, Murphy 7 (Biskic 78th) — Cole 47th, Peter Lewis 5. Coach: Tim White.

WEST BERLIN: Bechem 8 — Goersdorf 6, M. Schmidt 9, Schroeder 7, J. Schmidt (inj), Beyer 26th, 6 — Ecke 6, Stark 7, Hornig 8, Miethig 5 — Schure 7, Wilhelm 4 (inj), Clavis 76th). Coach: Freidhelm Haebermann.

West Berlin claimed after the match that it was snubbed by the VSF, which failed to stage a reception in an upstairs lounge at Olympic Park, but it received a bigger snub from the Victorian soccer public.

This match, which kicked off Victorian soccer's centenary celebrations, was poorly advertised and the Germans weren't good draw-

Manchester United touring later this year isn't just that — talk.

The Germans weren't great at the back. Poor finishing from Paul Lewis and two fine saves from goalkeeper Ulli Bechem kept the contest scoreless at half time.

The Germans would have undeservedly won at the break had top scorer Rainer Schure made more of his one-on-one chance against Victorian goalkeeper Jeff Oliver in the 40th minute.

The best midfielder on show was West Berlin's Michael Hornig but there was no real class difference between these two outfits.

Cole, looking trimmer than ever and destined for a great season, put Victoria ahead two minutes into the second half. The big striker got free on the right and was sent clear by captain Jim Campbell. Bechem came off his line but Cole beat him, neatly slotting the ball into the near corner.

Schure again broke clear and made no mistake when confronted by just Oliver in the 74th minute.

Record crowd sees Falcons hold Berlin

Morwell Falcons attracted a Gippsland record soccer crowd of 2500 to their 1-1 draw with West Berlin at North Cringan Reserve in Morwell.

Midfielders John O'Callaghan and Jim McLean and goalkeeper Bill Whiteside starred for Morwell, while midfielder Ronald Beyer and full back Bernd Goersdorf excelled for West Berlin.

The Germans were reduced to 10 men when midfielder Mario Miethig was sent off over a spirited tackle mid-way through the second half.

Striker Rainer Schure gave West Berlin the lead in the first half, but Bobby McGuinness of Morwell equalised with a header in the 65th minute.

The match was Morwell's first major engagement under new coach Jimmy Dunne, the former Brisbane City and Green Gully Ajax defender.



Victorian captain Jim Campbell exchanges pennants with West Berlin captain Peter Stark. In the centre is referee Jim Fearn.



Victoria stopper Steve Blair (centre) crashes past Michael Schmidt (left) and Rainer Schure to head clear as Mario Miethig (right) looks on.



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Polonia threat to Blacktown; Bankstown, Auburn rebuilt

By ALEX VESIC

Of all the NSL clubs in the second round of the NSW Ampol Cup, Blacktown faces the biggest threat.

The Demons are drawn to meet the talented ball-players of Polonia at Marconi Stadium on Friday — and with men like the Garlowski brothers, Sobczyk and Kowalczyk in the team, Polonia could cause an upset.

Another interesting second-round tie is between neighbours Yugal and Croatia at Marconi Stadium on Friday.

The second-round games, with likely winners in capitals, are:

At St George Stadium, Friday from 6.45 pm: Blacktown v POLONIA, MARCONI v Sutherland.

At St George Stadium, Sunday from 6.45 pm: Wollongong v APIA-LHARDT, SYDNEY CITY HAKAOH v Canterbury.

At Marconi Stadium, Friday from 6.45 pm: Blacktown v POLONIA, MARCONI v Sutherland.

At St George Stadium, Sunday from 6.45 pm: Yugal v CROATIA, Bankstown v SYDNEY OLYMPIC.

At Melita Stadium, Sunday from 6.45 pm: AUBURN v Penrith City, Melita Eagles v ST GEORGE BUDAPEST.

Round one details:

Polonia 2

Avala 0

Scorers: Lumsdaine, Sobczyk
Without Galas and Geekie at



could produce the desired result.

Bankstown 1 Kuringai 0

Scorer: Meerbai pen. 35.

Bankstown National, last year's wooden spooners, is out to avenge its losses of the past few years. It's pre-season form pointed to slight favouritism over Kuringai, one of the better outfitts in the State League.

Following its amalgamation with National Sports at the end of last season, Bankstown has gone into the transfer market looking to bolster its side and satisfy its large Lebanese following.

In came Meerban, Badawy, Hassan and Housseini and the side was transformed from a fairly enthusiastic and physical one into a slower but far more skillful outfit. Against Kuringai, Bankstown had more possessions, but allowed its opponents to create some chances during the first period.

Bankstown came back to score with five minutes remaining in this half. Hassan El Housseini was brought down by Gavin Mortlock inside the area and Meerbani almost tore the net with his

right foot.

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With the amount of skill at Polonia a little more effort

will keep last year's side intact but Geekie left for Auburn and Smith might follow. With David Zeman at the helm at Polonia, things just might work a little better for the side.

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powerful drive from the spot to make it 1-0.

Auburn-Uruguay

1

Inter Monaro 0

Scorer: Terra.

A corner kick by McDermid in the 42nd minute was deflected into the ball inside the box, then batted his shot wide of Cantarizzi to give Auburn its slender but important victory.

With Parfitt, Rosano, Geeke, Banalis and Dene as new faces in the side, Auburn-Uruguay was even, if not better in patches than its visitors.

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Warringah Narabeen, but once again exposed its weakness — the finishing touch.

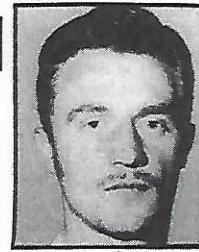
It was a two-way traffic for most of the 90 minutes at Seymour Shaw Park as Yugal dominated. But apart from an Amayni Rokodera goal at the start of the second half and Eddie Pahor's follow up in the 60th, Yugal missed five to six easy scoring chances, with the slow Narabeen defence all at sea.

For Narabeen very little went right and one fears that unless an improvement is made soon the side is in for an awful season in State League.

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Polonia coach David Zeman.

made a mess of depleted Manly.

Canterbury 5 Rockdale 3

Scorers: Dalforno 18', Har-graves 5'.

Sutherland, minus Haynes, Meades and Clinch, made short work of an under-strength Manly and enter the second round of the Cup.

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A feast of goals at Melita Stadium opened this year's Ampol Cup in NSW.

Canterbury led 1-0, then Rockdale came back to equalise. But the Berries were far too strong and scored three goals to lead 4-1 before a comeback by Rockdale saw the two sides almost on level terms.

It was left to Canterbury to finish the day just as it began and put the issue beyond doubt.

1st round
details

AUBURN-URUGUAY 1
(Terre 42nd) INTER MONARO 0.

AUBURN:
Rosano, Parfitt, Geekie, Planinic, Kelly, Bobanic, Banalis (Terre 40), Dene, (Meneses 57), Townsend, McDermid, Kinsey.

INTER-MONARO:
Catanzari, Domazetovic, Floren, Santoni, Francis, Andrikovic Shaw, Djordjevic, Cobertaldo, Popovic (Vieri 51), Monteroso.

BANKSTOWN

NATIONAL 1 (Meerban pen. 35th) KU-RIN-GAI 0.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Kennedy, Blackburn, Agostoni, Meerban, Coates, Parker, Badawy (Cardillo 60), Hassan (Sirrett 75).

KURINGAI: Duncan, Keaven, Turnbull, Bertram, Mortlock, Jesse, Seach, Williamson, Jeffery, Bass (Hunter), Davidson.

AVALA 0 POLONIA 2 (Lumsdaine, Sobczyk (P).

POLONIA: Grinfield, Svijet (Leao 41), Foulkes (Cleski 41), Grossas, Vandenburg, J. Garlowski, Z. Garlowski, Novak, Sobczyk, Kowalczyk, Lundström.

MILANOVIC: Milanovic, Brown, D. McKenzie, C. McKenzie, Vujićević, Kofod (Jurisic), Radriguez (Yousph), Duvnjak, Rodriguez, Bateman, Milne.

SUTHERLAND 2 (Delfino 18th, Hargreaves 55th) MANLY 0.

SUTHERLAND: Dart (Mervicki, Hestord, Watkins, Schumann, Dalforno, Cashman, Rogers, Hargraves, Green, Cooper (Johnstone), Hargraves.

MANYL WARRINGAH: Cassettari, Juergens, J. Dick, S. Dick, Doyle, Williamson, R. Sturt, Jones, Maroucic (Vale), Etherington, Barker.

CANTERBURY 5

(Dounis 2, Phillipou, Petas, Thamnides) ROCKDALE 1

LINDEN 3 (Smith, Brown, Laws o.g.).

YUGAL 2 (Rokodera 47th, Pahor 60th) WAR-RINGAH-NARRABEEN 0.

SOPER SPELLS TROUBLE!

By ALEX VESIC

St George Budapest and Sydney Olympic have qualified for tonight's (Wednesday's) final of the NSW Challenge Cup at St George Stadium — but the ASF is far from happy about the tournament.

It is understood that the four clubs involved were brought before an ASF committee to explain the whys and why nots of this tournament.

According to the rules, the clubs concerned had to seek permission from the ASF for the tournament.

Since the ASF executive was on holidays when such application would have been sought, it looked as if the ASF and the four clubs were at stalemate.

The latest however is that the ASF now seeks 10 percent of the gate money collected during the Challenge Cup.

Croatia will play off third place tonight.

The tournament has been a resounding success, with big crowds turning up at St George Stadium to watch NSW newcomers Croatia and Melita Eagles do battle with St George Budapest and Olympic.

Here is a run-down on all matches played so far:

Round 1

Olympic 3 Croatia 1

St George Stadium
Crowd: 5,525
Ref: Terry Saucy 8.
Caution: Volicic.

Scorers: Philios 37', Soper 47', Raskopoulos 57' (SO), Pagano 54' (C).

CROATIA: Watson 2'.
Second minute Woods 7, Vidic 8, L. Sterley 8 (Meeds 2-6), Tomasich 6, Rezo 6 (Basic 64-6), Clinch 6 (Divani 77').
Savor 5, Radman 5, Kovacic 5, Kirwan 6.

Round 2
Olympic 3
Croatia 1

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 7, Rogers 7, Jennings 8, Dakos 8, Naumov 7, Phillips 6, Raskopoulos 6, Patikas 6, Radakovic 7 (Nocera 67').

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Round 3
Olympic 0
St George 1

St George Stadium
Crowd: 5,525
Ref: Doug Rennie.

Caution: R. O'Shea, J. O-Shea.

Scorers: Marton 43', 63'

find the net. Patikas did not score but was certainly one of the best players on the park and looks to have found his touch early in the season.

Other than the captain, Peter Raskopoulos, did some valuable work but nothing pleased his supporters more than the goal scored in the 57th minute with a free kick from some 30 metres.

Marshall Soper, demoted from the captaincy was far more subdued than in Olympic's first outing but managed to score once, following a throw-in by Gary Phillips. A long throw by Phillips, a flick header by Tony Dakos and Soper was there before Blazevic to head under the crossbar.

Earlier, Sydney Olympic attacked with venom, using both wing strikers to create gaps. Moma Radakovic, on holiday from Yugoslavia, was given a chance by coach Manfred Schefter and was prominent until replaced in the second half. His run in the 34th minute paved the way for the opening score.

After receiving a pass from Soper he rounded a defender then pushed the ball along the corner line towards goal inside the area. As another defender approached he cut his cross back to Phillips, a stab shot followed and Blazevic was beaten.

Shane Clinch, the recent acquisition from Sutherland, created Croatia's only goal. His jinking run saw him close to the 16 metre line before he poked the ball in the path of Bobby Blazevic and Wilsons beaten. It was a crucial goal which looked like lifting Croatia to an upset, but soon after Raskopoulos' 30 metre ended all hope the trimmings might have had.

Soper's supporters might argue that Rob McGinn went out injured before Saints registered their first goal and that Don Allan was off the park when the score was 1-0.

However, although McGinn was a fine player, he only bright spark in front of Alex McPherson. The midfield looked strong, with Don Allan and Billy Griffiths operating together, but Griffiths fell away badly soon after Allan's departure.

It all started so well for Melita!

Some 45 seconds from the kick off Dennis Duarate was on the move. A quick pass to Don Allan, then to John McKie, and Soper came out but in vain — 1-0.

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Marshall Soper

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Raskopoulos returned as captain for the second match running and Marshall Soper was demoted to the bench. Soper made an appearance during the second half at the expense of Radakovic and immediately got into trouble, bringing two Saints' players down within 60 seconds of the restart.

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Olympic, its supporters, opposition defences or Marshall Soper. Some serious thinking will have to be done by this tall, well-built player before it all goes to waste.

Back to the game. Despite the lack of goals and atrocious conditions, both sides created enough chances to score at least half a dozen goals but it was one of those games full of action and very little on the scoreboard to show for it.

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Croatia 1
Melita 0

Referee: Richio Lorena 9

Cautions: Barrios, Allan, Scorer: Marijan Kovacic 79'.

CROWATIA: Milicic, Woods, Tomasic 6, Kovacic 45', M. Kovacic, Sternic, Vidic, Rezo (Basic 86'), Savor (Meades 76'), Arnold, Clark, Kirwan.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Williams, Barrios, Fogarty, McDonald, Griffiths (Farnsworth 5', Sertbas 46'), Johnstone, McAusland, Duarte, Allan, McKe (Andricopoulos 46'-5).

Alex McPherson kept Croatia at bay for almost the whole game with some splendid saves but at the end had no answer to Marijan Kovacic and his close-range shot which gave Croatia its first win of the tournament.

Marijan Kovacic was on hand to pick up a cross by Paul Kirwan and dispatch it with accuracy. It was a fitting finale to an outstanding game by Kovacic. He was everywhere — defence, midfield or attack, playing with the confidence of a seasoned campaigner and was easily the best player on the park.

His header after some 15 minutes was goal-bound but McPherson was cat-like as he sprung into action to tip it over the bar. Seconds later McPherson was in the thick of it again, having to dive at the feet of Shane Clinch to save.

Wally Parsons was sure his shot would hit the net midway through the second half, only to see McPherson tip it over the bar.

But while McPherson and Kovacic played with confidence and agility, the rest

David Curtis, 1.88m goalkeeper from Kuringai has joined the ranks of Blacktown, making the side certainly the NSW's richest in goalkeepers.

Freeman, Hoare and Curtis will vie for the No. 1 position with Curtis holding the edge at the moment.

There is talk of Freeman and Turnbull leaving Blacktown and turning to Kuringai.

Gary Byrne, after 11 years with Marconi and two seasons with Canberra, still only 29 years old, has also joined Blacktown. With 30 international caps, Byrne is the most experienced campaigner to join the side. He is to partner his old Marconi mate, Stuart Selvage, in midfield.

Billy Palmer, ex-Olympic, and Adam Hards from Northampton in England, are also keen to join the club. With Peter Brogan wanting to go to Kuringai, Palmer could easily step into his shoes, while Hards could find himself playing in midfield.

The Demons have left nothing to chance. Its administration has tied up a deal with the local Mitsubishi dealer for some \$12,500 in sponsorship aimed at helping the club's already healthy financial status.

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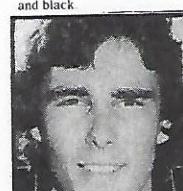
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Croydon crippled, Macleod adds bite to Fawkner

The clear-out at Croydon and new coaches at Fawkner, Polonia, Morwell Falcons, Broadmeadows and Croydon have been the major off-season moves in the Victorian State League.

Macleod made a bold bid for inclusion in this year's NSL at the end of last season, yet in just a few months, its 1983 first team squad has been decimated. New coach Colin Houlder faces the bleak prospect of trying to replace Gus Macleod, Jimmy Rooney, Joe Sweeney, Paul Wade, Ian Dobson, Gary Hobson, Renzo Lia and Steve McCombe. Dobson, Wade, Hobson and McCombe still are tied to Croydon but all want to move.

Wade will join Rooney at Green Gully Ajax, provided Croydon slightly lowers its asking price of \$15,000. That was the same figure that Croydon first asked for Dobson who has agreed terms with Melbourne Croatia. Since then, Croydon has had to lower its asking price for its talented stopper but won't lower Dobson's asking back from England yesterday (Tuesday).

McCombe has been training with newly promoted Metro First Division club North Dandenong, and is likely to join.

Mike Rainey may move to Morwell while Mark Brown and Terry Nolan reportedly want to move. Hobson, Croydon's left back, was set to sign for Fawkner, whose new coach, Gus Macleod, was under the impression that Hobson had a maximum transfer fee of \$2,000. Rainey, we understand, is that Croydon now wants \$6,000 for Hobson, who may go to the VSF Appeals Board over the fee.

Sweeney joined Juventus for \$7,000 and may be replaced by Juventus striker Graham French who has been training with Croydon. Former Croydon player David Cork, who played with Ringwood Wilhelmina last season, was training with Croydon, but we hear that Canberra City coach Doug Collins has shown interest in Cork. Collins is a former Sydney Olympia coach and Cork has played with him.

Gus Macleod is determined "to add more dig to the Fawkner side this year."

He's signed Ged Bannon from Juventus for \$3,000, stri-

ker Neil Garvey from Wilhelmina for \$1,000, midfielder Neil Collyer from North Dandenong for \$1,000 and young Renzo Lia from Croydon for just \$100.

Fawkner is negotiating with Green Gully Ajax for the signature of mid-fielder Kit Grecham and Macleod was confident that at the end of the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup he would sign a mid-fielder from an NSL club. He wouldn't name the player.

Macleod also was confident that successful negotiations would be carried out with Brisbane City for the services of Joe Palinkas, who played with Fawkner on loan last season.

"Palinkas is really strong already and I'm very pleased with younger players like Robert Palmaricciotti, John Sannipoli and Michael Giacomini," said Macleod.

Talented sweeper Les Gooney is back in training. Gooney, due to undergo knee reconstruction surgery later this year, has been told by a specialist that he can do no further damage to the complaint, so he's decided to play.



Fawkner's new signing from Juventus, aggressive mid-fielder Ged Bannon.

Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

The news about Bruno Sabidussi is not so good. He still is recovering from a serious knee ligament problem and may not play this season.

Brother Carlo, along with Slobodan Popovic and Milan Kojic, is transferred listed Jim Kondilis, another left-back.

Macleod, unusually reticent, wouldn't name the former Aston Villa attacking mid-fielder he expects will fill a visa vacancy at Fawkner this year.

NSL clubs have shown interest in signing striker Ian Tuftield, at present overseas, but he has indicated that he'll stay with Fawkner. His father Colin is Fawkner's team manager.

Macleod is pleased with the work done to date by his coaching cohort Billy Milne who is revamping the youth side of things at the club.

Morwell Falcons, under new coach Jimmy Dunne, the former Fulham, Torquay, Green Gully Ajax, Brisbane City and Eire international defender, have signed sweeper Gerry Clarke and striker Russell Atcherysch from overseas. Steve Moore from Northcote for \$4,000 and Chris Kent, the former Wilhelmina, South Melbourne Hellas and Adelaide City left-winger, Atcherysch, 21, is a former Chesterfield apprentice.

Billy Whiteside, Harry Bingham, John Higham, Jim Train, John O'Callaghan, Jim MacLean, Bobby McGuinness and Tony van Baar remain from last year.

New State League club Western Suburbs splashed out \$3,000 for Hellas player Steve Kakantoni. Suburbs also have signed Bill Lazopoulos for \$1,500 and Alex Filippis for \$1,500. Both forwards come from Metro Fourth Division club Hawthorn Citizens.

Ray Pocock, who joined Suburbs last season from Heidelberg, Bundoora, wants to return in 1984. Despite the almost certain loss of Pocock, Suburbs coach Jimmy Condilis still has experienced Billy Johnson, Hugh Howe, Andy Esposito and Frank Mussel to fall back on. Billy Hammill from Altona City

also has joined Suburbs for a \$1,500 transfer fee.

Condilis wouldn't release the name of a former Everton apprentice, a striker, who he has been in contact with recently.

"Our aim is to survive first and foremost and then try to establish ourselves in State League," said Condilis.

Suburbs have worked hard over the past few months to upgrade their home ground at Ralph Reserve. Parking for 600 cars will be ready for the kick-off to the 1984 season and the club is building a small stand to seat 350.

Box Hill, after retaining the services of coach Bill Murray late last week, looks set for a fine season. Murray was offered the job as coach of the Hellas youth team but declined.

Richard Miranda and John Gabrielson were the only losses from last year's Box Hill first team squad as we went to press. Miranda crossed to Juventus for \$4,000. Gabrielson went to Heidelberg for \$2,000.

The Hillmen welcomed 21 old former Walsall striker Steven Smith from England last week. Smith has played in Finland and South Africa.

There's doubt about veteran stopper Donald Brownlie playing this year. Coach Murray is trying to get Tony Aspinwall as centre half. Regular right back Ian Routhouse will be operated on this week for a groin complaint. Andy Hughes has been filling in at right back and has been doing well.

Pedro Ramos, Box Hill's skilful mid-fielder, won't play for the next three weeks. He's recovering from a leg injury.

Northeast has signed Mike Micevski from Altona Gate for \$2,000. Spiro Tsetsos, Jim Sahinidis and Peter Constantinos all look like leaving but coach Tony Vrana is hopeful of signing Bulleen striker Laurie Boardman.

Regular first team goal-keeper John Gammie is on sabbatical and second string goalie Andy Ostrowsky is transfer listed at \$1,200.

Mark Wilson, Sammy Wright and Colin Quigley should stay but Quigley still has two weeks of a four-game suspension to serve, the result of being sent off against Fawkner in the last league game of 1983. Stopper John Creany still is overseas.

Knox City coach Eric Leibnitz hopes to sign former Slavia player Billy Brindle, who was player-coach of Metro club Coburg last season.

Leibnitz also wants to sign Peter Kiley, a 26 year old wing-half, who is in NSW.

He is an ame free but Knox better get in quick because the forward has trained at Croydon.

Ringwood United Serbia striker, Terry Masters, seems certain to join and Leibnitz has high hopes for youngsters Luke Russell, a 16 year old defender, and striker Colin Howarth.

Leibnitz goes overseas on business next week. During his month long absence, assistant coach Trevor Owen will be in charge.

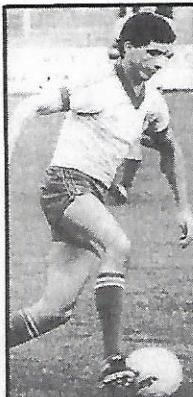
Ringwood United Serbia seems certain to lose Dave Gibson, Dave Brooks, David Cork and Graham Haupt. Eddie Pena has returned to Sydney and striker Neil van Altena has spoken to Cork and Devotion.

The Doves, having already lost Sean Keogh and John Dowie to Juventus, seem certain to also lose long serving defender Peter Thurlow to Frankston Pines for \$3,000. Striker Ian Sturtion and mid-fielder or defender Graham Watson are due back from Scotland any day now.

Steve Webster was undecided about his future as we went to press. Webster can't come to terms with the Doves over a new contract and Morwell Falcons have shown interest in



New Morwell forward Chris Kent — in action for our old club Hellas.



Steve Kakantoni — joined Suburbs from Hellas for \$3,000.



Croydon mid-fielder Paul Wade — trying to join Green Gully Ajax.

and Alan Stirling is vice-president.

Former Canberra City player and Morwell Sunshine, Richmond and Bell Park coach, Dave O'Connor, now coaching Broadmeadows, made his first main signing of 1984 when he bought Grant Smart from Morwell for \$2,000.

O'Connor is looking at a defensive mid-fielder, from the Metro First Division and a State League striker and some of the current first team squad members may be transferred shortly.

City, Lions relegated in QSL reshuffle

Queensland's NSL Clubs, Brisbane City and Lions, have been relegated from the State's top local competition — the Premier League — after a bitter wrangle which had the Queensland Soccer Federation in turmoil.

They were successful in that the QSF management committee was unable to gain the necessary two-thirds majority to implement the constitutional changes needed to introduce the restructuring proposals.

The wrangle split the federation down the middle and left soccer the laughing stock of other Queensland football codes.

The opposing clubs came up with proposals which called for three-eight-team semi-professional leagues, and a new

league Cup competition to supplement the season.

But that proposal was soundly defeated at last week's meeting.

Instead the clubs opted, almost unanimously, to back a management committee resolution for the 1984 season which contained many of the restructuring proposals and the promotion-relegation compromises.

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— RICKY ROSSO

MARCONI STILL LOOKS DEADLY

Marconi's Vic Bozanic looks like hanging his boots for good due to pressure in business. Allen Maher is about to join Penrith and Tom Sermanni wants to follow Doug Collins to Canberra, but Marconi wants \$20,000 for him and Canberra does not seem to have that much.

Paul Degney, three times retired, is on the Marconi's transfer list and so are Dennis Colusso and Tony Veneri.

Still, Marconi looks venomous in attack with Brown, Winn, Licata, Jankovics and maybe David Lowe from Newcastle vying for spots.

If Jankovics moves to midfield and Lowe does move to Marconi, coach Les Scheinfuss will have to decide whom to leave out, rather than struggle to find players to fit into certain spots.

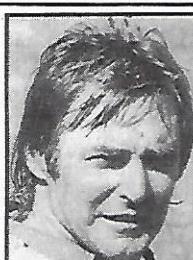
Midfield will remain much the same, with Sermanni most probably continuing with the club. McCulloch and Carbone or Jankovics will partner Sermanni Henderson and Calderon would play in the centre of the defence and Djordjevic and Rizzotto in the fullback spots.

That would leave Budini, Giannone, Maurizio Licata and Marino looking for that odd game during the season.

— ALEX VESIC

Morton, Klaus full-time coaches in Tasmania

By WALTER PLESS



Ken Morton

The big news in Tasmanian soccer is the appointment, by two Cadbury State League (South) clubs, of full-time coaches.

Juventus-Pioneer, last year's champion, has appointed Ken Morton as its full-time coach, while Olympia, third last season, has appointed Otto Klaus on a full-time basis.

Morton, who has coached Wollongong and Heidelberg in the NSL over the past three seasons, takes over from Peter Brine at Juventus and will be in overall charge of all the club's teams, from the senior side down to the juniors.

His main responsibility will, of course, be the senior side with the coaches of the club's other sides being directly responsible to him.

Otto Klaus replaced Brian Mackay at Olympia and his responsibilities at the Greek club will be similar to those of Morton at Juventus.

Klaus, who has coached in New South Wales, has been in charge of Northern State League side Ulverstone for the past two seasons. Ulverstone won the Ampol during Klaus' first season with the club in 1982.

The two full-time appointments are radical but welcome moves in Cadbury League soccer and will, hopefully, lead to an improvement

who had been reappointed at the end of last season.

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Azzurri plays Dunn, West Ad. fuming!

By FRANK PANGALLO

Controversy marked the opening round of the 1984 South Australian Ampol Cup series, now in its 25th year.

State League club Azzurri shell-shocked West Adelaide Hellas fans and officials by including stopper Robbie Dunn, who is in dispute with Hellas, in its opening line-up.

Hellas has a \$25,000 bounty on Dunn but Dunn claims a clause in his contract allows

him to be cleared to a Perth club of his choice for \$3000 (see if you can work out the kind of logic in that!).

Hellas officials are still seeing but in the end it made no difference to the result as Azzurri was sunk by a Graham



Honeyman winner in the 66th minute.

It was Hellas' first official match under new coach Sam Salabasidis and he could play an energetic, attacking style of football.

South Australian Ampol Cup

Hellas always did look the better of the two teams although Azzurri often promised much only to waste possession.

Azzurri introduced new signings Dave Ouwerkerk, Paul Wilde, Tony Radford and Andy Knowles, ratings:

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS
—Sporos 8; Papageorgiou 8;
Marendous 7; McSachter 8;
Honeyman 9; Totsikas 8; Sto-
fanopoulos 7; Panagis 7;
Malavazos 7; Stametopolous
6; Constantopoulos 8;
AZZURRI — Miller 7; Dunn
8; Ouwerkerk 8; O. Michelon
8; Batchelor 7; Boffa 7;

Teams and ratings:

Francis 8; S. Michelon 7; Rad-
ford 6; Bojicuk, Wilde, 7.

Beograd and **Birkalla** got the Silver Anniversary Ampol Cup series off to a dull start with a colorless 1-1 draw.

Rothmans League champion Beograd hit the front with a scintillating swerving free kick by specialist banana-ball bender Adrian Santrac in the 7th minute.

Four minutes later Birkalla replied with an equally ferocious 25-metre drive by Terry Hayes.

BEograd: Pasquini 7;
Kralovic 6; Gavranovic 7; Miller
7; Hivjakovic 8; Golobrdo 7;
Rusmić 7; Milandžić 7; Sancrač 7; Aranđelović 6.
BIRKALLA: Green 7;
Pietrus 8; Hergo 8; Wickstein
8; Toblin 7; Amarato 7;
7; Mahony 6; Pepper 7; Moh-
ring 6; Joy 6.

LA NUOVA LEGA NAZIONALE È UNA FORMULA INDOVINATA

Questa e' la prima edizione del giorale per il 1984 quindi la prima occasione per augurare "Buon Anno" a tutti i lettori di "Viva Italia!" e a tutte le squadre che tengono alto il nome del calcio italiano in questo continente.

Il 1984 sera' un anno molto particolare che potrebbe addirittura significare una svolta decisiva nella storia del calcio "Aussie": la nuova formula della Lega Nazionale e' indubbiamente indovinata.

I due gironi formati quest'anno hanno salvato il concetto di un torneo a livello nazionale

e reso possibile un maggior numero di partite "cittadine".

Per fortuna che qualcuno ha capito che il male della Lega Nazionale non era tanto le spese di viaggio che le squadre dovevano sostenere ogni quindici giorni per le trasferite interstatali, quanto il fatto che non si poteva spostare migliaia di tifosi da una città all'altra.

A parte i pochi "derby" cittadini, la maggior parte delle partite di Lega Nazionale venivano disputate al fronte del pubblico in case solitamente nuove, assai significative "invece cheira" invece che la maggior parte degli incontri di Lega Nazionale avvenissero di fronte ai tifosi di tutte e due le squadre, almeno per quello che riguarda le squadre di Melbourne e di Sydney. Per quelle di Brisbane e Adelaide, purtroppo, non si e' potuto far-

molto, ma almeno la loro situazione non e' peggiorata.

Per di piu' da quest'anno la Lega Nazionale e' finalmente la massima divisione dell'intero calcio australiano e non una "bottega quasi chiusa".

Il sistema di promozione e relegazioni l'hanno agganciate alle varie leghe inferiori.

Melbourne dovrebbe essere il centro per la significativa maggiore importanza di questo provvedimento.

La promozione alla massima divisione di squadre

come Croatia, Juventus

George Cross e Green Gully ha

ricreato un nucleo di squadre

una brillante nuova arrivata come il Green Gully) per risvegliare l'interesse delle grandi masse.

Purtroppo pero' questa brillante soluzione adottata nelle

restrutturazioni della Lega Nazionale e' colmata con una ulteriore sosta di vita alle importazioni di giocatori dall'estero, ne' i club hanno messo in mostra molta fantasia nel riempire i pochi posti ammessi per gli "stranieri".

Qualche giocatore, di gran nome dall'Italia, dalla Grecia,

dalla Jugoslavia e da Malta avrebbe acceso ancora di più

l'entusiasmo delle folle e scosso anche le moltitudini di indifferenti. Invece il mercato astico e' stato dominato dai soliti nomi, dalle solite mediorienti e dalle promozioni in massa dei giocatori delle quattro squadre di Lega Statale che hanno fatto il salto in Lega Nazionale.

E non parliamo dei prezzi!

Grazie a Gary Cole e

Paul Lewis hanno etichettato di \$38,000 ciascuno (sufficiente per portare un'intera squadra di scoscesi alcuni anni fa), ed alcune mediorienti sono diventate celebri a forze di biglietti da mille!

Speriamo almeno che i club sbianino il senso di spendere qualche migliaio di dollari in piu' per dei buoni allenatori che sviluppano il talento locale in modo che fra qualche anno potremo avere un futuro di campioni nostrani: questo e' lo scopo delle restrizioni sulle importazioni, ma non sarebbe la prima volta che le intenzioni della federazione non cambiano con l'agire dei club.

La Juventus, per esempio, intenzionata a rinforzare la squadra ed a spendere una cifra non indifferente a questo scopo, non ha avuto molta scelta ed ha fatto degli acquisti a caro prezzo: Ward (dal Preston), Sweeney (dal Croydon), Miranda (dal Box Hill), Dowie a Keogh (dal Doncaster) sono costati intorno a \$30,000 ciascuno, non hanno ancora risolto tutti i problemi della squadra bianconera, e il prezzo delle prime battute del campionato che per andarci vorrebbero almeno altre due buoni difensori, che pero' sono difficili da reperire sul limitato mercato locale.

L'esordio stagionale della Juventus edizione Lega Nazionale, venerdì scorso nella Coppa Notturna (che non si chiama più "Ampol Cup", ma bensì "Buffalo Gold Summer Cup") non e' stato molto felice nonostante il puntarello racimolato con il fortunato parigino e con il fortunato parigino e

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